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FINAL ELECTION RESULTS; NO CHANGES

1. AFTER COMPLETING THE COUNT OF THE SOLDIERS VOTE,
THE KNESSET CENTRAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE RELEASED THE
FINAL ELECTION RESULTS ON NOV. 4: LIKUD - 40 SEATS;
LABOR - 39 SEATS; SHAS - 6 SEATS; NATIONAL RELIGIOUS
PARTY - 5 SEATS; AGUDAT YISRAEL - 5 SEATS; CITIZENS
RIGHTS MOVEMENT - 5 SEATS; HADASH - 4 SEATS; TEHIYA -
3 SEATS; MAPAM - 3 SEATS; TZOMET - 2 SEATS; MOLEDET -
2 SEATS; CENTER/SHINUI - 2 SEATS; DEGEL HATORAH - 2
SEATS; PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE - 1 SEAT; AND
DEMOCRATIC ARAB PARTY (DAROUSHA) - 1 SEAT. CONTRARY
TO EXPECTATIONS, THE SOLDIERS VOTE DID NOT SHIFT A
SEAT OR TWO TO THE RIGHT.

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PRESIDENT TO START FORMATION TALKS ON MONDAY

2. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT HERZOG WILL
BEGIN HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH KNESSET FACTION
REPRESENTATIVES ON NOV. 7.

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FORMATION CONTACTS BETWEEN PARTIES

3. THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY AND MOLEDET REPORTEDLY TOLD LIKUD NOV. 3 THEY WILL RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE ASK SHAMIR TO FORM A GOVERNMENT. LIKUD'S NEGOTIATING TEAM PLANS TO MEET AGAIN WITH SHAS ON NOV. 4, AGUDA AND DEGEL HATORAH ON NOV. 6, AND TEHIYA AND TZOMET ON NOV. 7. FOR ITS PART, LABOR WILL MEET AGAIN WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES AND ITS ZIONIST LEFT SMALL PARTY ALLIES EARLY IN THE WEEK.

SIGNS OF UPRISING IN LABOR

4. DIRECT PUBLIC CRITICISM OF PERES IS BEING HEARD FROM SECOND-ECHELON PARTY ACTIVISTS, AS WELL AS GENERAL CRITICISM IN THE PARTY FOR LABOR'S FAILED CAMPAIGN AND ITS CURRENT FORMATION STANCE. AT A NOV. 3 MEETING OF THE PARTY'S "YOUNG GENERATION" CIRCLE, WHICH INCLUDES SEVERAL INCOMING MKS, MAYORS AND HISTADRUT OFFICIALS, CALLS WERE MADE FOR PERES TO RESIGN FROM THE PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP. INCOMING MK RAANAN COHEN (ANTI-PERES INDEPENDENT) AND UNSUCCESSFUL KNESSET CANDIDATE YITZHAK ELIASHIV (RABIN SUPPORTER) CALLED FOR PERES' DEPARTURE AND FORMATION OF A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT WITH RABIN AS DEFENSE MINISTER.

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5. IN CONTRAST, PARTY DOVES (INCLUDING SEVERAL EXISTING AND INCOMING MKS) ARE SAID TO BE SEEKING ASSURANCES FROM PERES THAT HE WILL NOT JOIN LIKUD IN A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, MK ORA NAMIR (A DOVISH RABIN SUPPORTER WHO HAD DISPUTED PERES' WATERING-DOWN OF THE LABOR PLATFORM PLANK ON RELIGIOUS ISSUES) CALLED ON PERES TO CEASE THE "POINTLESS AND DAMAGING" MEETINGS WITH THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX PARTIES. SHE REPORTEDLY IS WORKING TO CONVENE THE PARTY EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS "A COMPLETE OVERHAUL" OF THE PARTY. SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARE ALSO SEEKING A MEETING OF THAT BODY TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION OUTCOME.

6. RESPONDING IN A NOV. 4 PRESS INTERVIEW TO HIS CRITICS, PERES STATED HE WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO WIN OVER THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX PARTIES. IF HE DOES NOT SUCCEED, LABOR WILL GO INTO THE OPPOSITION. PERES ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT HE PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS

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LEADERSHIP OF LABOR.

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7. COMMENT: SENIOR PARTY CRITICS OF PERES CONTINUE TO AVOID DIRECT CRITICISM OF HIM ALTHOUGH THEY CRITICIZE LABOR'S FAILED CAMPAIGN (WHICH WAS RUN BY PERES). RABIN HAS KEPT HIS SILENCE, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL KNOWN RABIN SUPPORTERS HAVE ATTACKED PERES. THOSE IN THE SECOND-ECHELON OF THE PARTY ARE LESS WILLING TO HOLD THEIR FIRE. MANY BARELY RESTRAINED THEIR CRITICISM OF PERES DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND NOW ARE GOING PUBLIC WITH RELISH. PICKERING

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- POLAND1. SUMMARY: PRAVDA TODAY CONTAINS A LONG CRITIQUE
OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY
VIS-A-VIS POLAND, CO-SIGNED BY CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTS VITALY KOBYSH AND VALENTIN
FALIN. ENTITLED "POLITICAL WILDERNESS" THE PIECE APPEARS
TO HAVE THREE AIMS: 1) TO MARK -- NEGATIVELY -- THE

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ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INAUGURATION; 2) TO
MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE SOVIET REACTION TO THE NATO
DECLARATION ON POLAND WITH AN EYE TO INFLUENCING
EUROPEAN AUDIENCES; AND 3) TO LAY OUT SOVIET COMPLAINTS
ABOUT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY A WEEK BEFORE THE HAIG-GROMYKO
MEETING IN GENEVA. IF THERE IS A MESSAGE TO THE U.S.,
IT IS THAT THE USSR WON'T BE PUSHED AROUND ON POLAND:
THEY CLAIM WE ARE BLUFFING AND WANT US TO DROP THE
BLUFF AND GET DOWN TO THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF CURBING

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THE ARMS RACE. THE U.S. "THREAT" TO WALK OUT OF THE INF TALKS IS DESCRIBED AS "HOLLOW" SO FAR, ALTHOUGH THE AUTHORS DO NOT RULE OUT SUCH A MOVE. AS FOR NEW U.S. SANCTIONS, THE ARTICLE SAYS THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN "CLEARLY OUTLINED" --- BUT INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS HALF EXPECT ANOTHER SHOE TO DROP. END SUMMARY.

2. [REDACTED] THE MAIN POINTS OF THE KOBYSH - FALIN ARTICLE ARE:

--- THE REAGAN FOREIGN POLICY IS ONE OF "BLACKMAIL AND TYRANNY" AND RELIANCE ON STRENGTH

THE NATO DECLARATION ON POLAND MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A "SECOND COLD WAR," WITH THE WEST EUROPEANS, SOME WILLINGLY, SOME NOT, SINGING ACCOMPANIMENT TO THE U.S. "IMPERIAL BASS;"

--- IN THE FIRST TWO DECADES AFTER WORLD WAR TWO, THE U.S. TRIED TO SHAPE THE WORLD TO ITS LIKING, ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND ENGAGING IN "ARMED ADVENTURES" IN WHICH "MILLIONS" WERE KILLED; TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE KILLED IN CONFLICT SINCE WWII WERE KILLED BY AMERICAN WEAPONS AND WITH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION, [REDACTED]

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--- ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE;

--- THE HAIG-REAGN POLICY IS A THROWBACK TO THAT EARLIER POLICY;

--- THE HALLMARK OF DETENTE IS THE READINESS OF BOTH SIDES "TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS," TO "WIDEN AREAS OF AGREEMENT" AND, IN AREAS OF NON-AGREEMENT, "TO REFRAIN FROM USING FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE;"

--- AMERICAN "PROPHETS OF THE CULT OF STRENGTH" WOULD LIKE TO SEE DETENTE AS A "DISCARDED WAY-STATISON" IN THE "ETERNAL MAELSTROM OF STRUGGLE" THAT DOES NOT EXCLUDE "NEW CATASTROPHIC WARS "

--- THE TIME TO "ROLL BACK COMMUNISM" WAS, IT WOULD SEEM, WHEN THE U.S. HAD AN ATOMIC MONOPOLY, BUT TODAY'S AMERICAN LEADERS EXPLAIN THE FAILURE TO DO SO BY CITING "INCONSISTENCY" AND A "LACK OF DECISIVENESS" ON THE PART OF THEIR PREDECESSORS;

--- A YEAR AGO AT HIS INAUGURATION, PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID HE WOULD NOT "LACK DECISIVENESS," THAT A "NEW ERA" WAS BEGINNING. THE MEANING OF THESE WORDS IS NOW GETTING THROUGH TO AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS:

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- SOCIAL PROGRAMS ARE BEING CUT WHILE THE MILITARY
- BUDGET SOARS;

- QUESTIONS OF PEACE AND WAR, THE FATES OF NATIONS
- AND STATES, ARE DECIDED IN WASHINGTON AS IF THEY
- WERE DEBITS AND CREDITS;

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- POLES AND POLAND ARE ONE SUCH ISSUE: WHAT WILL
PROFIT THE U.S. AND HURT THE COMPETITION?
- THE U.S. WANTS TO USE POLAND TO WEAKEN THE
SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH AND MAKE IT EASIER TO
PUSH THROUGH THE "MOST SENSELESS MILITARY PROGRAMS,"
THE NEWEST ONE BEING THE "MASSIVE PRODUCTION" OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
- THIS IS THE REALITY, COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH

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- THE PICTURE OUTLINED IN THE BRUSSELS DECLARATION.

3. (LOU) HERE THE AUTHORS TURN TO A REVIEW OF THE
"HYPOCRISY" AND GENERAL WICKEDNESS OF U.S. POLICY
IN AFGHANISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE
EAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, KOREA, LATIN AND CENTRAL
AMERICA, AS WELL AS U.S. INTERNAL ISSUES: RACIAL
VIOLENCE IN FLORIDA, THE AIR CONTROLLERS' STRIKE,
AND SO ON. THE EMPHASIS IS ON AMERICAN USE AND

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TOLERANCE OF VIOLENCE WHEN IT SERVES U.S. INTERESTS.
BUT THE MAIN ISSUE IS POLAND, TO WHICH THE ARTICLE
QUICKLY RETURNS.

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4. [REDACTED] THE NATO DECLARATION ON POLAND, ACCORDING TO
KOBYSH AND FALIN, TOLD THE USSR IT HAS "NO RIGHT TO
DETERMINE THE PATH OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
OF POLAND," BUT THE USSR "DID NOT AND DOES NOT CLAIM"
SUCH A RIGHT. BUT DOES THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAVE THIS
RIGHT? APPARENTLY NOTWC ZTIE SOVEREIGN POLISH STATE
SHOULD DO ONLY WHAT
NATO DICTATES TO IT," THE AUTHORS
SAY WITH BITTER IRONY. CONTINUING, THEY SAY THAT:

- THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS TALK ABOUT "RENEWAL,"
- "REFORM," "CONCILIATION," "GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS"
- AND THE LIKE, BUT THEIR REAL AIM IS TO "UNDERMINE
- THE SOCIALIST FOUNDATIONS OF THE POLISH STATE;"
- .
- THE NATO LEADERS SEEM TO LACK A SENSE OF TIME AND
- SPACE: DO THEY REALLY THINK ANYONE WILL TAKE
- THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT
- SERIOUSLY?

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- CLEARLY THE U.S. WANTS TO DAMAGE SOCIALISM. BUT
- IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
- WILL FIRMLY OPPOSE ANY SUCH ATTEMPTS;
- .
- THE NATO DECLARATION TACITLY ADMITS THAT THE
- POLISH CRISIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT FROM WITHOUT:
- IT WAS THE RESULT OF A DEAL BETWEEN EXTERNAL AND
- INTERNAL REACTION.
- .
- THE MEASURES TAKEN "TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR" IN POLAND
- WERE "MORE THAN JUSTIFIED AND TIMELY," THEY WERE
- NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR POLAND BUT FOR THE EUROPEAN
- PEACE;
- .
- THOSE, ESPECIALLY IN WESTERN EUROPE, WHO ARE
- BERATING THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, WOULD DO BETTER
- TO CONFESS THAT THE THREAT (OF CIVIL WAR IN POLAND)
- HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM THE WHOLE CONTINENT;
- .
- IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER NATO CAPITALS, THEY
- ARE WONDERING "HOW TO MAKE THE WINTER COLDER" AND
- HOW TO PREVENT "A THAW" EVEN IN THE SPRING;
- .
- THE "CONTOURS" OF NEW SANCTIONS HAVE NOT YET
- BEEN OUTLINED, BUT SO FAR THE AMERICAN THREAT
- TO WALK OUT OF THE GENEVA TALKS "RINGS HOLLOW."

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TEXT OF TELEGRAM 82MOSCOW000720

- THE IMPRESSION IS, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMERICANS
- ARE PREPARING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION FOR SUCH A
- STEP;
- .
- WHAT TO EXPECT NOW? ONE WOULD HOPE THAT A BIT
- OF LIGHT WOULD PENETRATE THE HEADS OF WESTERN

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- STATESMEN: RAGE IS A BAD COUNSELOR, AND BLUFF IS
- APPROPRIATE AT POKER BUT NOT IN "SERIOUS POLITICS;"
- THE USSR IS NOT LOOKING FOR QUARRELS, BUT HE WHO
- WANTS TO PICK A FIGHT WITH US SHOULD KNOW HE WILL
- NOT WIN ANYTHING, AS HISTORY SINCE 1917 SHOWS;
-
- WAR, THE THREAT OF WAR, WON'T SOLVE ANY PROBLEM OF
- HUMANITY; A POLICY OF FORCE IS A RELIC OF THE PAST
- WHICH HINDERS LIFE TODAY AND DEFORMS THE FUTURE.
- IGNORING THIS TRUTH, AMERICAN LEADERS ARE LOSING

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- THEIR FOOTING, WALKING IN A POLITICAL WILDERNESS;
-
- SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WILL LIVE BY THEIR OWN LIGHTS:
- THE PRICE PAID TO DEFEND THIS RIGHT WAS HIGH, AND
- WE WILL NOT TAKE THE ADVICE OF "UNBIDDEN INSTRUCTORS,
- WHO TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO EXPLAIN TO US WHERE
- OUR SECURITY BEGINS AND ENDS. WE KNOW THAT BETTER
- OURSELVES. HARTMAN

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2. THE CURRENT LULL IN THE OVERT HAMAS-PLO
COMPETITION ON THE WEST BANK IS BASED ON A
SHARED TACTICAL INTEREST IN ENDING ISRAELI
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OCCUPATION. UNDERNEATH THE CURRENT CONCORD,
HOWEVER, DIVERGENT VISIONS OF POST-OCCUPATION
PALESTINE ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF A LONG-TERM
RIVALRY. ALTHOUGH WELL ORGANIZED, HAMAS REMAINS
TOO WEAK TO TAKE ON EITHER THE PLO OR ISRAELI
FORCES IN FRONTAL CONFRONTATIONS. NEVERTHELESS,

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IF THE UPCOMING PNC EMBARKS ON A POLITICAL PROCESS, HAMAS-PLO COMPETITION WILL LIKELY INTENSIFY.

TACTICAL RECONCILIATION

3. OCTOBER WAS A MONTH OF RELATIVE PEACE BETWEEN HAMAS AND THE PLO/UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU), AS PALESTINIANS CLOSED RANKS IN THE FACE OF ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE AND RULE. REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING OF HIGH-LEVEL FATAH-HAMAS MEETINGS ABROAD TO WORK OUT A MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN THE GROUPS. (THUS FAR, HAMAS HAS DEALT ONLY WITH FATAH. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HAMAS WOULD COUNTENANCE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PLO'S LEFTIST GROUPS SUCH AS THE PFLP, DFLP, AND COMMUNISTS.) RECENT LEAFLETS BY BOTH HAMAS (E.G. NUMBERS 30 AND 31) AND UNLU (27 AND 28) HAVE PLACED UNITY AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AND DENOUNCED FORGED LEAFLETS MEANT TO DIVIDE THE RESISTANCE. THEY HAVE ALSO DEALT WITH SIMILAR TOPICS OF PRACTICAL INTEREST TO PALESTINIANS, SUCH AS EDUCATION, TAXES, AND THE OLIVE HARVEST.

4. EARLIER IN THE INTIFADA, HAMAS CALLED STRIKE DAYS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ORDERED BY UNLU.

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THESE WERE WIDELY INTERPRETED AS SHOWS OF INDEPENDENCE AND TESTS OF STRENGTH. HOWEVER, RECENT LEAFLETS HAVE CALLED FOR IDENTICAL STRIKE DAYS. UNLU EVEN TOOK THE UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF CHANGING ONE OF ITS STRIKE DAYS TO MATCH THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED HAMAS DATE, ALTHOUGH THE CHANGE IS PROBABLY MORE INDICATIVE OF DISARRAY IN THE UNLU (GETTING THE ORIGINAL DATE WRONG) THAN PERCEIVED WEAKNESS VIS-A-VIS HAMAS.

5. HAMAS AND FATAH SHARE A COMMON NATIONALIST GROUND AT THE TACTICAL LEVEL. AS THE HAMAS COVENANT (REF B) STATES, "NATIONALISM IS PART OF THE RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE." THIS SHARED INTEREST MAKES THE FATAH-DOMINATED PLO "THE NEAREST OF THE DEAR TO THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT," AND PERMITS HAMAS TO COOPERATE WITH FATAH ON A TACTICAL BASIS WITHOUT ABANDONING ITS LONG TERM GOALS. THE COVENANT ASSERTS THAT HAMAS

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"SUPPORTS HIM (THE PLO) WHEN THE ENEMY ATTACKS,
AND HOPES FOR HIM HEAVENLY GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL."

6. IN ADDITION, THE WEST BANK HAMAS LEADERSHIP
REMAINS COMPOSED LARGELY OF CONSERVATIVE,
TRADITIONAL MUSLIM CLERGY. THESE NOTABLES HAVE
TRADITIONALLY OPTED FOR EDUCATION AND
PROSELYTIZING, AND CAME LATE TO THE INTIFADA.
THEY ARE IKELY TO PURSUE TACTICAL COMPROMISE TO
THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THEIR
PROGRAMS AMONG MUSLIMS.

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7. DESPITE THE CURRENT LULL, HAMAS AND THE UNLU CONTINUE TO OFFER FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT VISIONS OF POST-OCCUPATION PALESTINE. IN THE HAMAS STRATEGY, ISLAM IS PARAMOUNT. AS THE COVENANT STATES, "WE CANNOT REPLACE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE ISLAMIC PALESTINE WITH SECULAR THINKING." DESPITE OCCASIONAL RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY, USUALLY CIRCULATED BY FATAH SUPPORTERS, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE HAMAS LEADERSHIP WILL NOT COUNTENANCE A TWO-STATE

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SOLUTION TO THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN QUESTION.

8. THIS UNDERLYING TENSION SURFACES WHENEVER THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS REVIVED. UNLU LEAFLETS 25 AND 26 CONTAINED A FAIRLY SOPHISTICATED POLITICAL PROGRAM TIED TO THE PNC MEETING. THE HAMAS RESPONSE, CONTAINED IN LEAFLET 30, WAS TO REAFFIRM ITS UNYIELDING REFUSAL TO "GIVE UP AN ATOM OF OUR BELOVED HOMELAND."

9. THE HAMAS-UNLU SPLIT IS ALSO APPARENT IN THE CONTEXT OF DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL. HAMAS CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADING TO A TWO-STATE SOLUTION. THE COVENANT DISMISSES "THE SO-CALLED PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES." CONSEQUENTLY, HAMAS DID NOT JOIN UNLU OR THE PLO IN APPEALS TO THE ISRAELI ELECTORATE TO SUPPORT "PEACE-LOVING" PARTIES. INSTEAD, ITS ELECTION EVE LEAFLET (NO. 31) WAS FILLED WITH BITTER ANTI-JEWISH INVECTIVE.

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10. THE CURRENT HAMAS-UNLU PEACE CONCEALS A CONTINUING BATTLE FOR THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF PALESTINIANS. WHILE PRAISING UNITY, THE

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LEAFLETS COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER IN ADDRESSING
ISSUES OF CONCERN TO PALESTINIANS SUCH AS
EDUCATION AND THE OLIVE HARVEST. IN SOME AREAS,
UNLU HAS BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE IN COMBATTING
HAMAS' INFLUENCE. WE HAVE REPORTS OF UNLU
SUPPORTERS ENGAGING IN UNPROVOKED ATTACKS
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AGAINST HAMAS SUPPORTERS IN THE NORTHERN TOWNS
OF TULKAREM AND JENIN.

11. HAMAS IS CONTINUING TO RELY ON THE MOSQUES
TO PREACH, PROSELYTIZE, AND EDUCATE--THE
TRADITIONAL MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD STRATEGY.
JERUSALEM WAQF OFFICIAL ADNAN HUSSEINI RECENTLY
COMPLAINED THAT IMAMS IN MANY MOSQUES WERE
PREACHING PRO-HAMAS MESSAGES IN VIOLATION OF
WAQF INSTRUCTIONS. THE HAMAS LEADERSHIP IN THE
WEST BANK HAS RESISTED INCLUSION IN UNLU
COMMITTEES, AND HAMAS GRAFFITI IS WIDESPREAD IN
STRONGHOLDS SUCH AS THE NABLUS CASBAH.

12. THE OCTOBER 30 JERUSALEM POST, CITING
"WELL-INFORMED ISRAELI SOURCES," REPORTED THAT
HAMAS AND THE PFLP-GC HAD AGREED ON POLITICAL
(BUT NOT MILITARY OR TERRORIST) COOPERATION TO
OPPOSE FATAH IN THE TERRITORIES. WE DO NOT HAVE
ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND BELIEVE
ONE UNLIKELY GIVEN THE DIVERGENT IDEOLOGIES OF
HAMAS AND THE PFLP-GC. NEVERTHELESS HAMAS,
RELYING ON ITS SOLID ORGANIZATION, BELIEVES THAT
IT IS MAKING INROADS AND GAINING STRENGTH AT
FATAH'S EXPENSE.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

13. IF THE PLO USES THE OCCASION OF THE PNC TO
EMBARK ON A POLITICAL PROCESS, IT WILL CROSS A
HAMAS "RED LINE" AND SPUR INTENSIFIED HAMAS-UNLU
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MORE CLEARLY REVEAL THE HAMAS-UNLU IDEOLOGICAL
SPLIT AND MAKE FURTHER TACTICAL COOPERATION
DIFFICULT.

14. IT IS UNLIKELY, GIVEN FATAH'S SUPERIOR
STRENGTH IN THE WEST BANK, THAT SUCH A SPLIT
WOULD MANIFEST ITSELF IN MAJOR ISLAMIC VIOLENCE
AGAINST THE FATAH SECULAR NATIONALISTS, ALTHOUGH
THIS POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT ENTIRELY.
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GIVEN THE VULNERABILITY OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD LEADERSHIP TO ISRAELI RETALIATION, IT IS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT HAMAS WOULD ESCALATE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST ISRAELI FORCES IN THE WEST BANK. (ALTHOUGH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF HAMAS "FOOT SOLDIERS" HAVE BEEN DETAINED RECENTLY, THE LEADERSHIP HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNSCATHED DESPITE BOLD PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS BY CERTAIN KEY FIGURES WHICH WOULD HAVE LANDED SECULARIST LEADERS IN PRISON.) INSTEAD, HAMAS WOULD PROBABLY STEP UP ITS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS--THROUGH LEAFLETS, GRAFFITI, SERMONS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED THROUGH THE MOSQUES, AND THE CALLING OF SEPARATE STRIKE DAYS.

15. HAMAS WILL NOT SOON REPLACE FATAH AS THE DOMINANT POLITICAL FORCE IN THE WEST BANK AND IS UNLIKELY TO FORCE AN OVERT TEST OF STRENGTH. BUT, AS NOTED REF A, IF FATAH IS UNABLE TO TRANSLATE THE INTIFADA INTO POLITICAL GAINS, THE INFLUENCE OF HAMAS COULD GROW, ERODING FATAH'S LEADERSHIP AND THE COHESION OF THE UPRISING.

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2. ON OCTOBER 24, DAS WALKER RAISED WITH ISRAELI DCM ERAN THE REUTERS REPORT DATED JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 23, BY STEVE WEIZMAN REGARDING PALESTINIAN ACCUATIONS THAT ISRAEL IS RUNNING UNDERCOVER DEATH SQUADS AGAINST ORGANIZERS OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING. THE WEIZMAN STORY REFERRED TO UNDERCOVER UNITS CODE NAMED "CHERRY" AND "SAMSON". WALKER REQUESTED ERAN TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL GOI RESPONSE AS TO WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS TO THESE REPORTS.
4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE PARALLEL INQUIRY WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL.
5. AS MURPHY WILL BE MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF NATIONAL ARAB-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS ON
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OCTOBER 27. ISSUE IS CERTAIN TO BE RAISED. REQUEST RESPONSE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 27. WHITEHEAD

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1. (U) SUMMARY: APPROXIMATELY 40 WERE WOUNDED IN INTIFADA VIOLENCE IN THE PERIOD, AND ONE WAS KILLED. TWO ISRAELI VEHICLES WERE STONED. AN OCT 26 GENERAL STRIKE GOT SOLID ADHERENCE, DESPITE CONFUSION OVER THE PROPER DATE. THE IDF DEMOLISHED ONE HOUSE AND SEALED FOUR OTHERS. DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN DENIED A REUTERS STORY THAT THE IDF HAD SET UP TWO "DEATH SQUADS," AND, RESPONDING TO THE DEATH OF A GAZA GIRL AND THE WOUNDING OF A NUMBER OF GIRLS AND SMALL CHILDREN IN GAZA, SAID IDF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT HAD NOT CHANGED. RABIN AND CHIEF OF STAFF SHOMRON ANTICIPATED INCREASED VIOLENCE AT THE TIME OF ISRAELI ELECTIONS (NOV 1), BALFOUR DAY (NOV 2), AND THE PNC MEETINGS. ABOUT 50 GAZANS WERE RELEASED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION. END

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SUMMARY

2. (U) APPROXIMATELY 40 WOUNDED:

-- ON OCT 21/22, APPROXIMATELY 20 GAZANS WERE

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REPORTED WOUNDED IN VARIOUS CLASHES IN RAFAH, KHAN YUNIS, SHATI REFUGEE CAMP, AND DAYR AL-BALAH CAMP (PRESS REPORTS DID NOT GIVE BREAKDOWN OF NUMBERS BY LOCATION). ONE OF THE WOUNDED WAS A 13 YEAR OLD GIRL.

-- ON OCT 23, TWO GAZANS WERE WOUNDED IN DISTURBANCES IN SHATI CAMP. IN RAFAH, ONE YOUTH WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED, AND, IN JABALYA CAMP, A RESIDENT WAS WOUNDED, APPARENTLY BY ANOTHER RESIDENT.

-- ON OCT 24, A SEVEN YEAR OLD RAFAH BOY WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN THE CHEST BY A PLASTIC BULLET. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE PRESS INITIALLY REPORTED THAT THE BOY HAD DIED OF HIS INJURIES, BUT LATER RETRACTED THE STORY, BASED APPARENTLY ON MISLEADING INFORMATION FROM TEL HASHOMER HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS IN INTENSIVE CARE.

-- ALSO ON OCT 24, IN THE SAME DEMONSTRATION WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT INJURY OF THE SEVEN YEAR OLD BOY, A 16 YEAR OLD WAS WOUNDED WITH A PLASTIC BULLET. THREE YOUTHS IN NUSAIRAT CAMP, INCLUDING ONE GIRL, WERE ALSO WOUNDED.

-- ON OCT 25, THREE WERE WOUNDED IN GAZA CITY WHEN TROOPS OPENED FIRE AFTER AN IDF TANKER TRUCK CAME

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UNDER FIREBOMB ATTACK. THREE WERE WOUNDED IN NUSAIRAT CAMP, AND THREE OTHERS ELSEWHERE IN GAZA. A 23 YEAR OLD WAS WOUNDED IN SHATI CAMP.

-- ON OCT 26, FOUR WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY, IN VARIOUS CLASHES IN MAGHAZI AND JABALYA CAMPS, AND RAFAH TOWN.

3. (U) ONE KILLED; A SECOND DIES IN QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES:

-- ON OCT 25, A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS KILLED BY A PLASTIC BULLET IN SHATI CAMP WHEN IDF TROOPS, ATTACKED BY ROCKS AND FIREBOMBS, OPENED FIRE. THE IDF SAYS THAT ATTEMPTS TO DISPERSE THE DEMONSTRATORS FAILED, THE UNIT WAS IN DANGER, AND SOLDIERS FIRST FIRED INTO THE AIR AND THEN AT THE LEGS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.

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-- ON OCT 26, A THREE YEAR OLD DIED IN KHAN YUNIS. HER FAMILY CLAIMED THE CAUSE WAS TEAR GAS INHALATION. HOWEVER, THE IDF ANNOUNCED OCT 27 THAT POST MORTEM REVEALED THE GIRL HAD DIED OF PNEUMONIA (PERHAPS COMPLICATED BY DOWNS SYNDROME AND A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT). IDF SPOKESMAN COULD NOT SAY WHETHER THE GIRL HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO TEAR GAS. HOWEVER, JERUSALEM POST OF OCT 28 REPORTS AN EYEWITNESS CLAIM THAT TROOPS HAD THROWN A TEAR GAS GRENADE INTO THE GIRL'S HOUSE WHILE BREAKING UP A DEMONSTRATION.

4. (U) OTHER VIOLENCE:

-- ON OCT 26, TWO ISRAELI VEHICLES WERE STONED IN THE SOUTHERN GAZA STRIP.

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5. (U) CURFEWS:

-- ON OCT 21/22, IDF PLACED CURFEWS ON NUSAIRAT
AND JABALYA CAMPS, AND ON SHABURA NEIGHBORHOOD OF
RAFAH.

-- ON OCT 25, IDF PLACED A CURFEW ON SHATI CAMP
AFTER DISTURBANCES IN WHICH THE 14 YEAR OLD GIRL

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WAS KILLED, AND ON KHAN YUNIS CAMP. CURFEW
REMAINED IN EFFECT ON NUSAIRAT CAMP.

-- ON OCT 26, SEVEN OF EIGHT REFUGEE CAMPS IN GAZA
WERE REPORTED UNDER CURFEW.

6. [REDACTED] STRIKES:
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-- A STRIKE CALLED FOR OCT 26 GOT NEARLY FULL
PARTICIPATION IN GAZA, DESPITE APPARENT CONFUSION
OVER THE ACTUAL STRIKE DATE. STRIKE PARTICIPATION
WAS REPORTED MORE SPORADIC IN THE WEST BANK THAN
IN GAZA. A UNIFIED LEADERSHIP PAMPHLET CALLED FOR
A STRIKE OCT 26 TO COMMEMORATE A LATE-1950'S
MASSACRE AT KFAR QASSIM, WHILE A HAMAS PAMPHLET
CALLED OCT 29 THE PROPER COMMEMORATION DAY. THE
PRESS REPORTED THAT THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP, IN AN
UNPRECEDENTED ACT OF COOPERATION WITH HAMAS,
WITHDREW ITS STRIKE ORDER. RON KRUMER,
TERRITORIES' COORDINATOR'S OFFICE DIRECTOR, GAVE
US A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION, CALLING THE LIMITED
ADHERENCE IN THE WEST BANK THE RESULT OF CONFUSION
OVER THE CORRECT DATE AND CONTRADICTION,
LAST-MINUTE, WORD-OF-MOUTH INSTRUCTIONS THAT ONLY
CONFUSED PEOPLE FURTHER.

-- COMMENT: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GAZA AND WEST
BANK ADHERENCE TO THE OCT 26 STRIKE MAY BE AN
EXAMPLE OF REPORTED TIGHT INTIFADA DISCIPLINE IN
GAZA. WE HAVE HEARD THIS PHENOMENON ATTRIBUTED TO
GAZA'S MORE COMPACT, URBAN NATURE, AND TO THE
PROMINENT ROLE OF GAZA'S ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP, WITH
ITS REPUTATION FOR TIGHTER DISCIPLINE THAN THE
MORE DOMINANT SECULAR LEADERSHIP OF THE WEST
BANK. END COMMENT.

-- IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, OCT 29 HAS TO BE
CONSIDERED A PROBABLE STRIKE DAY.

7. (U) DEMOLITIONS AND SEALINGS:
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-- ON OCT 25, IDF FORCES DEMOLISHED THE RAFAH HOME OF A SUSPECTED ISLAMIC JIHAD MEMBER WHO IS ACCUSED OF STABBING FOUR WARDENS WHILE VISITING HIS BROTHER IN GAZA JAIL IN JULY. THE IDF ALSO SEALED FOUR HOMES IN KHAN YUNIS BELONGING TO FAMILIES OF PERSONS SUSPECTED OF THREATENING AND ATTACKING LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

8. (U) OFFICIAL, PUBLIC DENIAL OF IDF "DEATH SQUADS":

-- DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN DENIED THE TRUTH OF AN OCT 23 REUTERS STORY THAT SAID THE IDF HAD SET UP TWO UNDERCOVER UNITS AS "DEATH SQUADS." RABIN SAID IDF UNITS OPERATE WITHIN THE LAW.

9. (U) RABIN REAFFIRMS RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

-- IN A TOUR OF GAZA, OCT 26, RABIN RESPONDED TO THE DEATH OF A GAZA GIRL AND THE WOUNDINGS OF GIRLS AND LITTLE CHILDREN, SAYING THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE IDF'S RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. HE SAID IT WAS ADVISABLE FOR LITTLE GIRLS NOT TO RUN AROUND WHEN VIOLENCE IS OCCURRING.

10. (U) RABIN AND SHOMRON ANTICIPATE INCREASED VIOLENCE:

-- IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ON OCT 25, RABIN SAID HE EXPECTED DISTURBANCES WOULD GET WORSE ON ISRAEL'S ELECTION DAY (NOV 1), ON BALFOUR DAY (NOV 2), AND AT THE TIME OF THE ANTICIPATED NOVEMBER PNC MEETINGS. IDF CHIEF OF STAFF SHOMRON ECHOED THESE SENTIMENTS IN COMMENTS MADE THE FOLLOWING

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11. (U) GAZANS RELEASED FROM KETZIOT:

-- ON OCT 23, APPROXIMATELY 50 GAZANS WERE RELEASED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION IN KETZIOT, IN WHAT THE IDF CALLED A "HUMANE GESTURE." BEFORE THEIR RELEASE, AN IDF OFFICER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED TO THEM THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OR RIOTS.

12. [REDACTED] REPORTED RAID ON ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY:

-- FBIS (TA 2310130188) REPORTED THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD RAIDED GAZA'S ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY
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(PRECISE TIME NOT SPECIFIED) AND ARRESTED SUSPECTED ISLAMIC RESISTANCE LEADERS. RON KRUMER SAYS HE HAS NOT HEARD OF SUCH A RAID, AND DOUBTS ITS TRUTH SINCE THE UNIVERSITY REMAINS CLOSED, BUT WILL CHECK. PICKERING

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- ASSESSMENT BASED ON UNOFFICIAL RETURNS

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2. SUMMARY: UNOFFICIAL RESULTS INDICATE LIKUD HAS
EDGED OUT LABOR AS THE LARGEST PARTY (39-38) AND WILL
BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO GET THE NOD FROM PRESIDENT
HERZOG TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. ALREADY LAST
NIGHT (NOV. 1), LABOR AND LIKUD WERE COURTING THE
RELIGIOUS PARTIES, THE BIG WINNERS IN THE ELECTION.
PERES AND SHAMIR WILL BE MEETING WITH EACH OTHER
EARLY NOV. 2 AND LATER IN THE DAY MEETING SEPARATELY
WITH RELIGIOUS PARTY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS
FORMATION OPTIONS. PERES' HOPE IS TO ENTICE ONE OF
THE LARGER ULTRA-ORTHODOX PARTIES TO HIS SIDE TO GAIN
A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A LIKUD-LED NARROW
GOVERNMENT. SHAMIR, MEANWHILE, IS TALKING UP MOVING
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TOWARD FORMATION OF A NARROW LIKUD-LED COALITION.
END SUMMARY.

3. ISRAEL RADIO AT 0700L ON NOV. 2 REPORTED THE
FOLLOWING RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S KNESSET ELECTION

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BASED ON 99 PERCENT OF THE VOTE (FIGURES IN PARENTHESES SHOW SEATS WON IN THE 1984 ELECTION):

| PARTY | 1988 | 1984 |
|--------------------------|------|------|
| LIKUD | 39 | (41) |
| TEHIYA | 3 | (5) |
| TZOMET | 2 | (-) |
| MOLEDET | 2 | (-) |
| KACH | - | (1) |
| OTHER (OMETZ; TAMI) | - | (2) |
| ----- | | |
| SUBTOTAL RIGHT | 46 | (49) |
| | | |
| NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY | 5 | (4) |
| SHAS | 6 | (4) |
| AGUDA | 5 | (2) |
| DEGEL HATORAH | 2 | (-) |
| OTHER (MORASHA) | - | (2) |
| ----- | | |
| SUBTOTAL RELIGIOUS | 18 | (12) |
| | | |
| LABOR ALIGNMENT | 38 | (44) |
| CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT | 5 | (3) |
| MAPAM | 3 | (-) |
| CENTER-SHINUI | 2 | (3) |
| OTHER (YAHAD) | - | (3) |
| ----- | | |

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|----------------------------|----|------|
| SUBTOTAL LEFT | 48 | (53) |
| | | |
| HADASH | 5 | (4) |
| PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE | 2 | (2) |
| DEMOCRATIC ARAB PARTY | 1 | (-) |
| ----- | | |
| SUBTOTAL NON-ZIONIST LEFT | 8 | (6) |

(WE HAVE HEARD A PROJECTION WHICH SUGGESTS THAT WHEN THE SOLDIERS VOTE IS IN, LIKUD AND TEHIYA COULD EACH GO UP ONE SEAT AND DEGEL HATORAH AND ONE OF THE NON-ZIONIST LEFT LISTS COULD EACH LOSE ONE SEAT.)

4. LIKUD APPEARS TO HAVE EDGED OUT LABOR (39-38) AND SHAMIR IS IN THE LEADING POSITION TO GET THE FIRST SHOT AT FORMING THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. THE ZIONIST LEFT HAS 48 SEATS AND THE RIGHT HAS 46 SEATS. BUT THE LEFT (ZIONIST AND NON-ZIONIST) DOES NOT HAVE A

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61-SEAT BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A LIKUD-LED NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION. LIKUD, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS A REASONABLE CHANCE TO BRING THE SMALL RIGHT AND RELIGIOUS PARTIES INTO A NARROW MAJORITY COALITION. LABOR HAS A THEORETICAL CHANCE FOR A LEFT/RELIGIOUS MAJORITY IF IT CAN GET ALL THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES ON BOARD.

5. ACCORDING TO THE ELECTION RESULTS:
--LIKUD AND LABOR DROPPED FROM THEIR 1984 RESULTS, WITH LABOR SUFFERING A MORE SIGNIFICANT SETBACK. LABOR'S LOSSES COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES SINCE 1984 AND THE DROP IN LABOR'S ARAB VOTE. LIKUD APPEARS TO HAVE LOST VOTES MOSTLY TO THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES. THE SIZES OF THE ZIONIST RIGHT AND LEFT BLOCS REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN 1984.

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--THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX NON-ZIONIST RELIGIOUS PARTIES WERE THE BIG WINNERS IN THE ELECTION, INCREASING FROM 6 TO 13 SEATS -- A RECORD FOR THESE PARTIES, ALMOST DOUBLING THE PREVIOUS HIGH OF 7 NON-ZIONIST RELIGIOUS MKS ELECTED IN 1984. THE NRP HELD ITS OWN, WHILE MODERATE OFFSHOOT MEMAD FAILED TO PASS THE THRESHOLD FOR A SEAT. OVERALL, RELIGIOUS PARTIES HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR HIGHEST VOTE TOTAL IN ISRAELI HISTORY.

--ON THE ZIONIST LEFT, THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT INCREASED FROM THE 3 SEATS IT WON IN 1984 TO 5 SEATS. MAPAM, RUNNING INDEPENDENTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO DECADES, WON 3 SEATS.

--REHEVEM ZE'EV'S MOLEDET PARTY, WHICH ADVOCATES TRANSFER OF WEST BANK/GAZA ARABS, WON TWO SEATS.

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--THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE GAVE THE SMALL NON-ZIONIST LEFT PARTIES EIGHT SEATS, TWO MORE THAN THEY RECEIVED IN 1984. THE ZIONIST PARTIES SHARE OF THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE DROPPED FROM ONE HALF TO A THIRD. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE ARAB TURNOUT. THE LACK OF SURPLUS VOTE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE NON-ZIONIST LEFT PARTIES SEEMS TO HAVE LOST THEM VOTES EQUAL TO 1-2 SEATS. MANY ISLAMICS APPEAR NOT TO HAVE VOTED OR TO HAVE TURNED IN BLANK BALLOTS. DAROUSHI'S DEMOCRATIC ARAB PARTY APPEARS TO HAVE PASSED THE THRESHOLD FOR A SEAT.

--THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY LIKUD AND LABOR ON SECURITY, PEACE AND THE ECONOMY DID NOT HELP THE TWO PARTIES RETAIN THEIR SHARE OF THE ELECTORATE. LIKUD APPARENTLY LOST VOTES TO ULTRA-ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS PARTIES LACKING CLEAR POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY OR THE ECONOMY. THIS SHIFT TO THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX PARTIES APPARENTLY HAD MORE TO DO WITH THEIR HARD SELL TO RELIGIOUS AND TRADITIONAL VOTERS AND THE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGNS THEY WAGED. BY AND LARGE, THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX PARTIES ARE COMFORTABLE WITH LIKUD POSITIONS ON THE KEY ISSUES.

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6. SHAMIR NOTED EARLY NOV. 2 THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE AS YET INCOMPLETE, BUT HE BELIEVED LIKUD WOULD BE ABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE RIGHT (AND RELIGIOUS). LATER, SHAMIR STATED PLAINLY THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO CONTINUE THE NUG IN ITS CURRENT FORMAT. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT TOTALLY RULE OUT ANOTHER COALITION WITH LABOR (ON HIS TERMS). FOR HIS PART,

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PERES SAID LABOR WOULD LAUNCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES "TONIGHT" (NOV. 1). SHAS LIST LEADER RABBI PERETZ AND NRP SPOKESMEN EXPRESSED INCLINATIONS TO LIKUD BUT SAID THEY REMAINED UNCOMMITTED. SHAS, AGUDA AND THE NRP HAVE ALREADY STATED THEIR HEAVY AND COMPETING DEMANDS FOR 2-3 PORTFOLIOS EACH.

7. SHAMIR AND PERES ALSO PLAN TO MEET EARLY NOV. 2 TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION RESULTS, PERHAPS BUILDING EACH'S BARGAINING LEVERAGE WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES BUT POSSIBLY ALSO EXPLORING A NEW NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.

PRIVATE REACTIONS

8. LABOR: KNESSET SPEAKER HILLEL CONFIDED TO US HE DID NOT SEE HOW LABOR COULD COMPETE WITH LIKUD IN GAINING THE SUPPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES. MK HARISH EXPECTED SHAMIR TO GET THE NOD TO FORM A GOVERNMENT FIRST. ONLY IF SHAMIR FAILED, HE CONTINUED, WOULD LABOR HAVE A CHANCE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO LABOR GOING INTO A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT--IF SHAMIR GAVE LABOR THE OPPORTUNITY. INCOMING MK ELIAV EXPECTED LIKUD TO ESTABLISH A NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION. EVEN IF SHAMIR OFFERED LABOR THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, HE ARGUED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR LABOR TO GO INTO THE OPPOSITION. MK RAMON LIKEWISE SIMPLY SAID LABOR WOULD HAVE TO GO INTO OPPOSITION. INCOMING MK BURG ADMITTED LABOR HAD NO PRIVATE UNDERSTANDINGS WITH ANY OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES. INCOMING MK BEILIN ADMITTED THAT ANY PERES

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EFFORT TO COMPOSE A GOVERNMENT WOULD FACE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES. (PERES PR CONSULTANT TEOMIM TOLD US THAT A LABOR TELEPHONE SURVEY INDICATED THAT THE JERICHO FIRE-BOMBING DEATHS MAY HAVE LOST LABOR 3-4 SEATS.)

9. NRP. PARTY SEC GEN YAHALOM TOLD US HE EXPECTED SHAMIR WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO FORM A GOVERNMENT AND SEEK TO BRING THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES ON BOARD. (HE NOTED THAT THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX GAIN WAS "A SEVERE BLOW.") MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO SHAPIRA ALSO SAID HE EXPECTED LIKUD TO START NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NRP.

10. CRM. NOT SURPRISINGLY, LIST LEADER ALONI EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION. IN CONTRAST, MK ZUCKER BELIEVED THE ELECTION RESULTS WOULD ULTIMATELY RESULT IN LIKUD AND LABOR ESTABLISHING A NUG.

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11. LIKUD. THE MOOD OF LIKUD CONTACTS AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS AFTER THE INITIAL RETURNS WAS GLUM BUT PICKED UP AS IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE STRONG SHOWING OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES GAVE LIKUD A GOOD CHANCE OF ESTABLISHING A RIGHT-RELIGIOUS MAJORITY.

STRATEGIES

12. LIKUD'S NEGOTIATORS WILL BE WORKING TO LINE UP THE RIGHT AND RELIGIOUS PARTIES BEYOND THE 61 SEATS NEEDED TO FORM A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. SHAMIR SHOULD TRY TO INCLUDE EVERY RIGHT/RELIGIOUS PARTY TO IMPROVE THE CHANCES FOR STABILITY FOR A GOVERNMENT THAT COULD FACE CONTROVERSIAL DECISIONS ON SETTLEMENTS AND RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS. WHILE SHAMIR CAN PASS UP ON ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE SMALL RIGHT PARTIES, HE NEEDS ALL THE LARGER RELIGIOUS PARTIES FOR A MAJORITY.

13. SHAMIR MAY PREFER TO INCLUDE LABOR IN A COALITION DESPITE HIS PUBLIC POSTURING AGAINST A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. IF SO, HIS STRATEGY WILL BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF FORMING A NARROW COALITION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE HIS BARGAINING LEVERAGE IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH LABOR.

14. PERES' STRATEGY IS SIMPLER: HE NEEDS TO WIN OVER ONLY ONE OF THE LARGE RELIGIOUS PARTIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A LIKUD-LED NARROW GOVERNMENT. SHAS (AND DEGEL HATORAH) ARE LABOR'S PRIME TARGETS, AGUDA IS MORE PROBLEMATIC AND THE NRP UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO BLOCK LIKUD. BUT EVEN IF PERES MAKES AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER, THESE PARTIES

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WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COOPERATE WITH LABOR RATHER THAN LIKUD. MEANWHILE, WITHIN LABOR, PERES' OPPONENTS AND RIVALS ARE OPENLY CARPING ABOUT THE ELECTION OUTCOME AND CRITICIZING PERES FOR THE LOSS.

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United States Senate

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September 26, 1988

The Honorable George Shultz
 Secretary of State
 Department of State
 Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, apparently may seek a United States visa for the purpose of attending and addressing the United Nations General Assembly, as well as speaking to the National Press Club. We urge you to exercise your authority and right to deny any request for such visa.

Section 6 of P.L. 80-357 reserves for the Secretary of State the complete authority to "control the entrance of aliens" to the (U.N.) Headquarters District in such a manner as to "safeguard its own security." Both the Departments of State and Justice have affirmed the right of the United States to deny visas to persons seeking to enter the Headquarters District of the United Nations under Section 212(a), paragraphs 27 and 29 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

In January 1986 State Department spokesman Charles Redman reiterated U.S. policy on this matter: "We will as a matter of principle exclude individuals who personally advocate terrorism or who we believe have participated in or supported terrorist activities."

And in May 1986, when members of the Senate wrote to you concerning a possible Arafat request for a visa, you responded, "... I have no desire to see Arafat in the United States. Should he apply for a visa, his applications will receive my most severe scrutiny, including a thorough review of all the legal and other factors and circumstances pertinent to his application.... We share a common desire that Arafat should not come to the United States."

Arafat's PLO has claimed responsibility for a host of terrorist activities in which numerous innocent persons, including many Americans, were killed. As recently as May, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, in testimony before Congressional committees, stated that the State Department was aware that Arafat, "may have personally approved a series of terrorist attacks against American citizens and facilities abroad...."

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Arafat should be denied access to our country until he and the PLO renounce terrorism as a tool of foreign policy. Before he is admitted into our country, Arafat and the PLO must accept the same reasonable requirements that the United States has consistently demanded in order to have dealings with them:

- formal recognition of Israel's rights to exist;
- acceptance of UN Resolutions 242 and 338; and
- elimination from the PLO Charter of the call for the destruction of Israel.

The United States confers no diplomatic immunity on the PLO or its United Nations "Observer Mission." We must continue our policy of denying admission to our country those, including Arafat, who profess terrorism as a tool of foreign policy.

As a matter of law and policy, we urge you to deny Yasser Arafat permission to enter the United States. We look forward to hearing from you as to your decision on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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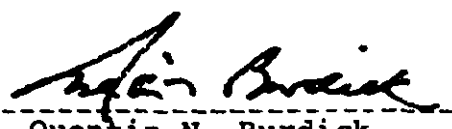
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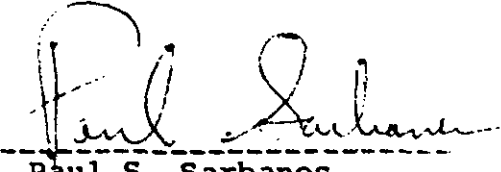
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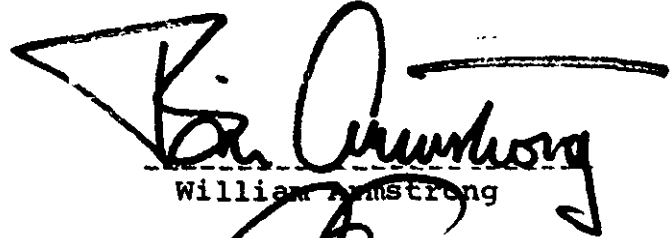
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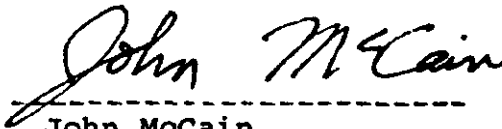
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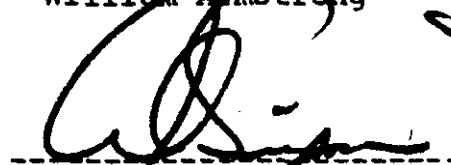
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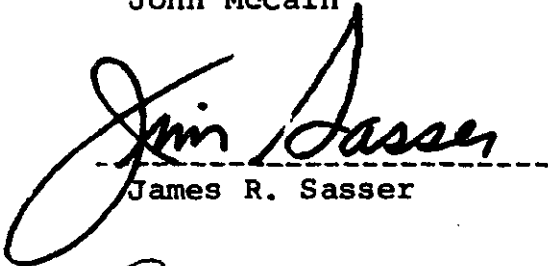
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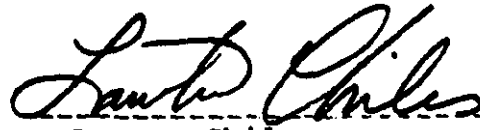
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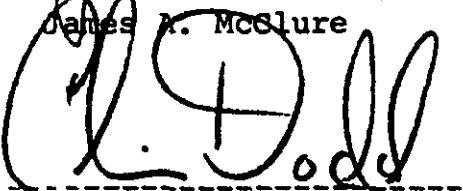
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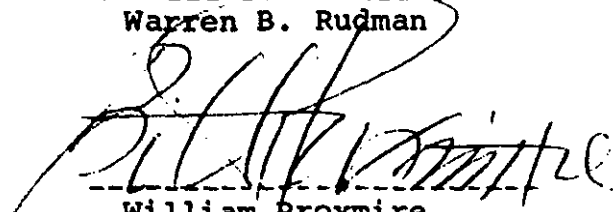
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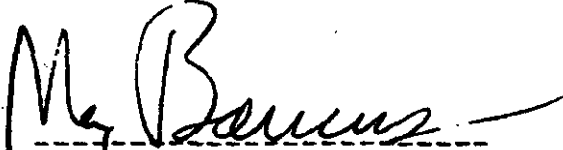
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2. SUMMARY: THE OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S ISRAELI ELECTION IS LIKELY TO BE A CLOSE ONE. THE RIGHT WAS GIVEN A BOOST BY THE OCT. 30 FIRE-BOMBING OF AN ISRAELI BUS IN JERICHO WHICH CAUSED FOUR DEATHS. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE TRAGEDY HAS BEEN HEAVY AND PROBABLE COVERAGE OF THE FUNERALS ON TELEVISION NEWS TONIGHT WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL IMPACT. THE ATTACK WILL SHIFT SOME OF THE FLOATING VOTE TO LIKUD AND CONFIRM THOSE ON THE RIGHT WHO DO NOT BELIEVE ISRAEL CAN TAKE RISKS. LIKUD CAMPAIGN INFORMATION DIRECTOR MILO TOLD US LIKUD WILL EDGE OUT THE LABOR PARTY AND LIKELY HAVE THE OPTION OF A NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS

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GOVERNMENT. BUT SHAMIR, IN HIS VIEW, CONTINUED TO PREFER TO LEAD ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT (NUG) WITHOUT ROTATION RATHER THAN FORM A NARROW, UNSTABLE COALITION DEPENDENT ON THE SMALL RIGHT AND RELIGIOUS PARTIES. (SHAMIR, FOR THE LAST WEEK, HAS BEEN REITERATING AVERSION TO ANOTHER NUG.) THE

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CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY CLOSED THE EVENING OF OCT. 30 WITH LIKUD AND LABOR TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCASTS AND A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED LIKUD RALLY IN TEL AVIV. END SUMMARY.

IMPACT OF JERICHO FIRE-BOMBING

3. THERE HAS BEEN HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE JERICHO FIRE-BOMBING OF A BUS WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR ISRAELI DEATHS. PROBABLE TELEVISION NEWS COVERAGE OF THE FUNERALS TONIGHT WILL HAVE A CONTINUING IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC. LABOR SOURCES ASSUME THE ATTACK WILL BENEFIT THE RIGHT ON ELECTION DAY. SOME IN LABOR SUGGESTED THE IMPACT OF THE EVENT ON THE ELECTION TOMORROW WILL BE "MARGINAL," BUT OTHERS NOTED THAT IN A CLOSE RACE EVEN A SMALL SHIFT COULD BE CRITICAL. LIKUD CAMPAIGN INFORMATION DIRECTOR (DEPUTY MINISTER) RONI MILO EXPECTED THE FIRE-BOMBING WOULD BRING SOME UNDECIDED VOTERS WAVERING BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR INTO THE LIKUD COLUMN, AND PROBABLY ENABLE ZE'EV'S NEW "MOLEDET" PARTY TO CROSS THE 1 PERCENT THRESHOLD AND WIN A KNESSET SEAT.

THE VIEW FROM LIKUD

4. LIKUD'S MILO EXPECTED A CLOSE ELECTION, WITH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR NOT MORE THAN 2-3

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SEATS. HE THOUGHT LIKUD WOULD COME OUT AHEAD OF LABOR 42-40 AND WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF FORMING A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. MILO ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT SHAMIR HAD NO DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION DEPENDENT ON THE BLACKMAIL OF THE SMALL PARTIES. RATHER, SHAMIR PREFERRED ANOTHER NUG WITHOUT ROTATION. (SHAMIR, IN THE LAST WEEK, HAS BEEN EXPRESSING HIS AVERSION TO ANOTHER NUG.)

5. MILO DOUBTED LABOR WOULD ENTER A NUG WITHOUT PERES OR THAT RABIN ALONE COULD SOMEHOW BE ENTICED INTO A LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT WITHOUT LABOR. MILO NOTED THAT LIKUD WOULD BE IN A STRONG POSITION IN POST-ELECTION NEGOTIATIONS WITH LABOR BECAUSE SHAMIR HELD THE PRIME MINISTRY AND COULD REMAIN AS CARETAKER IN THE POST AS LONG AS NECESSARY UNTIL THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE MINDS WITH LABOR. UNDER THIS SCENARIO, MILO SAID PERES MIGHT PREFER TO TAKE THE

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FINANCE PORTFOLIO IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. SHAMIR WOULD THEN OFFER ARENS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE REST OF THE LIKUD AND LABOR MINISTERS WOULD STAY WHERE THEY WERE, MORE OR LESS. DAVID LEVY WOULD BE UNHAPPY, MILO AGREED, BUT THAT WAS THAT.

POLLS

6. THE FINAL FOUR POLLS (REF B) PUBLISHED TODAY REPORTED THE SMALL PARTIES CONTINUED TO RETAIN THEIR INCREASES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TWO LARGE PARTIES. OTHERWISE, RESULTS WERE CONTRADICTORY. DAHAF REPORTED LIKUD AND LABOR TIED AT 40 SEATS EACH, WITH THE TWO BLOCS TIED AT 60 SEATS. (MILO ASSERTED TO US THAT LIKUD WAS REALLY AHEAD BECAUSE DAHAF'S POLLSTER HAD EVALUATED HER RESULTS EXTRA RIGOROUSLY IN ORDER

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ATTACK

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY. FOUR ISRAELIS WERE KILLED
OCTOBER 30 WHEN THE EGGED BUS IN WHICH THEY WERE
RIDING WAS HIT BY FIVE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS IN
JERICHO. THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE RESPONDED
WITH LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS AND HARSH RHETORIC.
PALESTINIANS ARE AMBIVALENT. THEY DECRY THE
DEATHS, BUT NOTE THE DAILY LOSS OF PALESTINIAN
LIVES IN THE INTIFADA. THE INCIDENT IS LIKELY
TO STRENGTHEN HARD LINERS ON BOTH SIDES AND
BOLSTER LIKUD'S ELECTORAL PROSPECTS. END
SUMMARY.

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2. (U) AN ISRAELI WOMAN AND THREE OF HER
CHILDREN WERE KILLED, AND SEVEN OTHERS WERE
INJURED, WHEN AN EGGED BUS WAS ATTACKED WITH
MOLOTOV COCKTAILS IN JERICHO OCTOBER 30. THE
BUS, WHICH WAS EN ROUTE FROM TIBERIAS TO
JERUSALEM, WAS HIT BY MULTIPLE FIRE BOMBS AS IT

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WAS PASSING THROUGH THE NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF JERICHO AROUND 7:45 PM. ACCORDING TO THE OCTOBER 31 JERUSALEM POST, THE AMBUSH WAS PLANNED WELL. YOUTHS SLOWED THE BUS BY PLACING STONES ON THE ROAD AND THEN HIT IT WITH FIVE PETROL BOMBS. ACCORDING TO A PASSENGER ON THE BUS, THE WOMAN WHO DIED PANICKED AND FROZE IN HER SEAT AT THE BACK OF THE BUS, RESISTING EFFORTS TO SAVE HER. THE INCIDENT IS THE FIRST FATAL ATTACK ON AN ISRAELI VEHICLE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA.

3. (U) ISRAELI RESPONSE HAS BEEN PREDICTABLY SWIFT AND HARSH. THE JERUSALEM POST QUOTES PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AS PROMISING "AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE...THE MURDERERS WILL BE PUNISHED AND THEIR MURDEROUS INTENTIONS ERADICATED." FOREIGN MINISTER PERES VOWED THAT "THE PERPETRATORS WILL BE CAUGHT AND TERRORISM WILL BE FOUGHT TO THE BITTER END." THE SETTLERS' COMMITTEE FOR SAFE TRAVEL BLAMED THE GOVERNMENT'S LAX SECURITY POLICIES FOR THE INCIDENT AND CALLED FOR THE EXPUSION OF "ANYONE WHO DARES TO LIFT A HAND AGAINST A SOLDIER." GUSH EMUNIM DEMANDED THE EXPULSION OF THE PALESTINIANS RELEASED IN THE 1985 PRISONER EXCHANGE WITH THE AHMED JIBRIL ORGANIZATION.

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4. [REDACTED] THE IDF CLAMPED A CURFEW ON JERICHO SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT. ACCORDING TO MAYOR KHALAF, SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN BETWEEN 16 AND 60 WERE DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING. THOSE OVER AGE 35 SUBSEQUENTLY WERE RELEASED. HE ADDED THAT SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL YOUTHS THEY BELIEVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ATTACK AND ARE HOLDING OTHERS FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

5. [REDACTED] RESPONSE AMONG PALESTINIANS CONTACTED BY THE CONGEN HAS BEEN AMBIVALENT. WHILE ALL PRIVATELY DECRY THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE PROBABLE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES, MANY POINT TO THE DAILY KILLING OF ARABS AND ASK WHY ISRAELIS DO NOT DENOUNCE THESE ACTS. BETHLEHEM MAYOR ELIAS FREIJ TERMED THE INCIDENT "A BAD ACT" AND PREDICTED A SEVERE ISRAELI RESPONSE. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT "NO ONE CAN DENOUNCE THE ACT,

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SINCE ISRAELIS DO NOT DENOUNCE THE KILLING OF ARABS." JERICO MAYOR KHALAF PRIVATELY CONDEMNED VIOLENCE AGAINST BOTH JEWS AND ARABS. NABLUS BUSINESSMAN BASEL KANAAN, WHILE CRITICIZING VIOLENCE, SAID THAT THE OCTOBER 18 KILLING OF A FIVE YEAR OLD IN NABLUS WAS WORSE BECAUSE THE JERICO ATTACK HAD NOT BEEN AIMED AT CHILDREN.

6. [REDACTED] JOURNALISTS MAHDI ABDUL-HADI, HANNA SINIORA, AND DAOUD KUTTAB ALL SAID THEY WERE DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY THE ATTACK. THEY PROMISED TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS AND SAID THEY WERE WORKING WITH OTHERS ON A POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY WEST BANK PALESTINIANS CONDEMNING VIOLENCE.

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RADWAN ABU AYYASH, PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION, NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE IN THE TERRITORIES TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT. SINIORA, HOWEVER, SAID HE PLANNED TO PUBLISH ONE TOMORROW WITHOUT SUBMITTING IT TO THE CENSORS. KUTTAB ALSO ADDED THAT EFFORTS WERE UNDERWAY TO CONTACT THE PLO AND GET IT TO DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDEMN THE ACT. ABDUL-HADI SAID HE AND OTHERS LIKE HIM THOUGHT A STATEMENT, IF IT MATERIALIZED, SHOULD ALSO CONDEMN THE KILLING OF THE NABLUS FIVE YEAR OLD, WHILE ADDING THAT EFFORTS TO AVENGE THE KILLINGS OF PALESTINIANS

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WERE WRONG.

7. [REDACTED] COMMENT. WHILE NO ONE YET HAS A FIRM IDEA OF WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JERICHO ATTACK, BOTH ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE DEATHS OF ISRAELI CITIZENS WILL WEAKEN MODERATES ON BOTH SIDES AND ENHANCE LIKUD'S ELECTORAL PROSPECTS. GIVEN THE POLITICAL AND EMOTIONAL RESPONSE IN ISRAEL, THE INCIDENT IS LIKELY TO PROVOKE HARSH IDF MEASURES, INCLUDING HOUSE DEMOLITIONS AND THE LEVELING OF THE ROADSIDE BANANA GROVE WHERE THE ATTACKERS ARE SAID TO HAVE WAITED. SINCE THE PERPETRATORS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, THEIR TRIAL FOR MURDER IS LIKELY. DEPORTATIONS SEEM A MORE REMOTE POSSIBILITY SINCE, UNLIKE THE BEITA INCIDENT, CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY IS MORE CLEAR AND SUSPECTS ARE IN CUSTODY.

8. [REDACTED] COMMENT CONTINUED. THE ATTACK IS BEING PORTRAYED BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS AND SETTLERS AS AN ESCALATION IN PALESTINIAN VIOLENCE. THEY CITE INTIFADA LEAFLET NO. 28, WHICH APPEARED ON OCTOBER 30, AS CALLING FOR INCREASED VIOLENCE DURING THE PNC MEETING, INCLUDING "MORE PETROL BOMBS AND MORE STONES." HOWEVER, IT IS PREMATURE TO ATTRIBUTE THE DEATHS TO A

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PALESTINIAN DECISION TO ESCALATE THE UPRISING.
EARLIER INTIFADA LEAFLETS HAVE CONTAINED SIMILAR
EXHORTATIONS TO STEPPED-UP STREET ACTION,
INCLUDING MORE DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE USE OF
STONES AND MOLOTOVS. END COMMENT.
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2. IN MEETING OCTOBER 27, DCM PURSUED WITH GOI
COORDINATOR FOR THE TERRITORIES GOREN THE REUTER
REPORT OF IDF DEATH SQUADS IN THE TERRITORIES AND
GOREN'S COMMENTS IN THEIR CONVERSATION OF THE PREVIOUS
DAY (SEE REFTEL). DCM SAID HE WANTED TO EXPAND ON HIS
QUESTION OF THE PREVIOUS DAY AND HAVE GOREN'S
REACTION. HE SAID THAT, AS GOREN AND OTHERS HAVE TOLD
US, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GOI HAS VARIOUS SPECIAL UNITS
OPERATING IN THE TERRITORIES CARRYING OUT SPECIAL
OPERATIONS INCLUDING SETTING UP AMBUSHES AIMED AT
PALESTINIANS CARRYING OUT ACTIONS AGAINST THE
OCCUPATION. DCM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE ISRAELI
UNITS, USING INFORMATION FROM INTELLIGENCE SOURCES,
STAKE OUT ROUTES OF APPROACH AND ESCAPE IN ORDER TO
APPREHEND PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS. HE ASKED ABOUT THE
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ROE IN SUCH CASES, AS WELL AS THE ROE FOR SPECIAL
UNITS INVOLVED IN OTHER KINDS OF OPERATIONS.

3. GOREN SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD NO OBJECTIVE AND NO
UNIT TO CARRY OUT THE KINDS OF THINGS ALLEGED IN THE
PRESS. HE SAID THERE WAS NO IDF UNIT, NO POLICE UNIT

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OR NO UNIT OF THE SERVICES WHICH HAD ANY AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF ROE OTHER THAN THOSE WE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF. DCM SAID THAT, NEVERTHELESS, THERE HAD BEEN HINTS IN THE ISRAELI PRESS AND THE WORD WAS CIRCULATING AROUND THAT THERE HAD BEEN DEATHS UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THERE WAS A PERCEPTION THAT SOME UNITS WERE OPERATING BEYOND THOSE ROE OR AT LEAST ON THE VERY MARGINS OF LEGALITY. GOREN REPEATED THAT THERE WERE NO ISRAELI UNITS WHICH WERE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE BEYOND THE STANDARD ROE. DCM ASKED ABOUT THE KILLINGS IN YATTA. GOREN SAID THAT WAS A CASE OF A GROUP OF MASKED PALESTINIANS CARRYING OUT AN ACTION WHO WERE CONFRONTED BY REGULAR IDF SOLDIERS. THE SOLDIERS WERE IN DANGER AND HAD FIRED AT THOSE PALESTINIANS WHO SEEMED TO BE GIVING ORDERS. GOREN INDICATED THE IDF WAS SURPRISED AFTERWARD TO LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEAD PALESTINIANS AND REGRETTED THE FATALITIES NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN OF MORE VALUE TO THE IDF ALIVE.

4. DCM ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF PROVOCATIONS, NOTING THAT THE GIVATI BRIGADE IN PARTICULAR HAD A REPUTATION OF AGGRESSIVENESS AND PROVOCATION TO DRAW PALESTINIAN REPOSE. GOREN WENT INTO A LONG MONOLOGUE ABOUT THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE GIVATI BRIGADE (HIS OLD UNIT -- HE WAS S-2) AND THE DIFFICULTY OF SOLDIERS

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CARRYING OUT POLICE WORK BUT HE DID NOT WANT TO ENGAGE AT ALL IN THE QUESTION OF PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOR.

5. COMMENT: AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON A "DEATH SQUADS" STORY FOR MONTHS AND WAS CONVINCED THERE WAS SOMETHING TO IT. HE TOLD US HIS ORGANIZATION HAD BUILT UP A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS FROM BOTH PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI SOURCES. IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM, HE FOCUSED ON WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE THE VERY BROAD TERMS OF ISRAELI DENIALS AND SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS TRUE THAT THERE WERE VERBAL ORDERS TO SHOOT THOSE WITH BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS. HE ASSERTED THAT THE IDF RULES WERE SUFFICIENTLY ELASTIC THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO BREAK THE LAW IN ORDER TO SHOOT SOMEONE.

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6. COMMENT CONTINUED: IF THERE WERE EXTRA-LEGAL OPERATIONS ON DEATH SQUAD LINES BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE TERRITORIES, WE WOULD THINK THAT ALSO WERE

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PUBLICITY OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS WOULD BE CAUTIONARY. AS STATED REFTEL, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE ALLEGATION OF DEATH SQUADS IN THE REUTER REPORT, EXCEPT OCCASIONAL CLAIMS BY PALESTINIANS TO CONGEN JERUSALEM OFFICERS, WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE, OF PALESTINIANS BEING KILLED IN COLD BLOOD. REGARDING ISRAELI SECURITY PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY IN THIS PERIOD BEFORE THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS (NOVEMBER 1) AND LEADING UP TO A POSSIBLE PNC ONE CAN BE SURE THAT THE ESRAELIS ARE

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SECURTIY OPERATIONS. END COMMENT. PICKERING

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2. ON OCTOBER 26 THE PLO/UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING, THE UNDERGROUND INTIFADA LEADERSHIP, ISSUED "A SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION" CALLING FOR PEACE AND COEXISTENCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINIANS, BASED ON A TWO-STATE SOLUTION, SECURITY FOR PALESTINIANS AND ISRAEL, AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO. THE LEAFLET, ISSUED IN HEBREW AND ENGLISH, WAS CONCEIVED OF SEVERAL WEEKS AGO IN CONTACTS BETWEEN PRO-FATAH PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELI PEACE ACTIVISTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FATAH ELEMENT IN THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP TOOK THE LEAD ON THIS PROJECT. ALTHOUGH IT WAS ISSUED IN THE NAME OF THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PFLP, DFLP AND COMMUNIST ELEMENTS

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OF THE LEADERSHIP DID NOT SIGN OFF ON IT, BUT ACQUIESCED IN ITS ISSUANCE IN THE NAME OF THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP.

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TO THE ISRAELI PUBLIC, TO THE LOVERS OF A JUST
AND HONORABLE PEACE TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE
AREA,

DURING THE PAST 21 YEARS, WHICH IS THE AGE OF
THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK AND
GAZA, THE CASE OF THE OCCUPATION AND PEACE HAS
NEVER LIKE NOW BEEN THE CENTER OF YOUR DAILY AND
ELECTION CONCERNS. YOU WERE NEVER THIS
CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT OUR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
WANT, AND WHAT OUR COMING EMERGENCY PNC SESSION
-- THE SESSION OF THE POPULAR UPRISING -- WILL
DECIDE. WE ARE NOW WITNESSING HISTORIC TIMES IN
WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS
EXPERIENCING A PERIOD OF OPENNESS AND A DESIRE
TO SOLVE REGIONAL CONFLICTS BY PEACEFUL MEANS.
THIS IS A TIME IN WHICH OUR PEOPLE ARE MORE
DETERMINED THAN EVER TO OBTAIN THEIR JUST AND
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISH A COMPREHENSIVE
AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THIS
AREA.

BUT INSTEAD OF YOUR LEADERS STATING THE CLEAR
TRUTH, THEY INSTEAD TRY TO BLOCK EVERY
INITIATIVE AIMED AT SOLVING OUR BLOODY CONFLICT
IN AN HONORABLE AND JUST WAY. YOUR LEADERS

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CONSCIOUSLY DISTORT OUR BLESSED POPULAR
UPRISING, ITS GOALS AND ITS DEMOCRATIC AND
PEACEFUL MEANS BY INCREASING THEIR OPPRESSIVE
MEASURES, VIOLATING THE MOST BASIC OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE
AIMED AT PROTECTING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE
AGED. YOUR LEADERS ARE WORKING ON THE ILLUSION
THAT THEY CAN DEMORALISE AND EXHAUST OUR PEOPLE
AND THEREFORE CRUSH THE UPRISING: WE APPROACH
YOU FROM A POSITION OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE WAY
OF REPRESSION AND TERROR WHICH YOUR ARMY AND
GOVERNMENT PRACTICE AGAINST OUR UNARMED PEOPLE
IS PROVING EVERY DAY ITS FAILURE BECAUSE OUR
PEOPLE'S UPRISING IS ACCELERATING. YOUR
LEADERS' ACTION WILL NOT PRODUCE ANY SIGN OF
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE OCCUPATION
AUTHORITIES AND THE VICTIMS. THEREFORE, THE
ONLY GUARANTEED WAY TO PEACE IS BY GRANTING THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF

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SELF DETERMINATION, THE RIGHT TO RETURN, AND TO ESTABLISH THE INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, (PEACE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED) BY GUARANTEES OF MUTUAL SECURITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

AND CONTRARY TO WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE ACCUSING US OF, WE PRESENT TO YOU IN A CLEAR WAY AND IN THE NAME OF OUR PEOPLE, THAT THE BLESSED UPRISING CAME AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR PEOPLE'S REFUSAL TO OCCUPATION AND INSISTENCE ON LIVING IN FREEDOM, LIBERTY AND HONOR JUST LIKE ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE FREE WORLD, WHO ARE ABLE TO EXERCISE SOVEREIGNTY. THIS HAS BEEN OUR CONTINUOUS SEARCH, FOR A JUST PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL. THE SLOGAN OF THE UPRISING HAS ALSO

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BEEN CLEAR. THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW
FROM THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 SO THAT WE
CAN CREATE OUR PALESTINIAN STATE ON IT. THUS WE
WERE ABLE TO REMOVE EVERY JUSTIFICATION BY YOU
FOR SUPPORTING THE REPRESSION AND TERROR
PRACTICES BY YOUR ARMY IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. IT ALSO REMOVED ALL THE FAKE MASKS
AND THE DISTORTED PICTURES WHICH YOUR LEADERS
HAVE TRIED TO PAINT ABOUT OUR PEOPLE AND THEIR
UPRISING. WE ARE ALSO CALLING EVERYONE WITH A
LIVE CONSCIOUS TO MOBILISE IN DEFENCE OF
HUMANITY IN THE FACE OF THE UGLY OCCUPATION. IT

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SHOULD NOT BE SAID BY ISRAELIS THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW. THE PICTURES OF THE REPRESSION AND THE TERROR ARE CLEAR IN FRONT OF THE EYES OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

THE UPRISING HAS PROVED THE FAILURE OF THE
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MILITARY EXPANSIONIST POLICIES AND THE THREATS WITH "TRANSFER" AND THE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT ARE BEING ATTEMPTED TO BE IMPOSED ON OUR PEOPLE. OPTIONS LIKE AUTONOMY AND THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN AND OTHERS. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT NO OPTION EXISTS EXCEPT THE PALESTINIAN OPTION REPRESENTED BY THE PLO, OUR SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH AUTHORITY. IN THE SAME WAY THAT OUR PEOPLE DON'T IMPOSE THE PERSONALITY OR THE IDENTITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAEL IN THIS CONFERENCE, WE INSIST ON OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE BY OURSELVES WHO REPRESENTS US. AND IN THIS CONTEXT OUR CHOICE IS THE PLO AS THE SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OUR PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. PEACE WILL NOT BE WITHOUT GIVING OUR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. THE SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE PLO WILL NOT PRODUCE RESULTS AND IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. ATTEMPTS TO SEPARATE OUR PEOPLE FROM THEIR BRETHREN OUTSIDE WILL ALSO FAIL.

THE PLO/UNIFIED LEADERSHIP FEELS THAT THE CLARITY OF THE UPRISING'S SLOGANS AND ITS PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC NATURE ARE A VIVID EXPRESSION OF THE PALESTINIANS' DESIRE FOR A JUST PEACE AND SECURITY. IT APPROACHES ISRAELIS IN ORDER TO CREATE THE KIND OF ATMOSPHERE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS JUST PEACE THAT WILL GIVE SECURITY TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA INCLUDING THE STATES IN THE AREA. THIS INCLUDES THE PALESTINIAN STATE AND ISRAEL. FOR THIS IT CALLS ON THE ISRAELIS TO VOTE FOR PEACE, FOR
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WITHDRAWAL AND AGAINST WAR AND OCCUPATION. FOR

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AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, FOR
RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO SELF
DETERMINATION, FOR THE RECOGNITION AND THE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO.

THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP GREETES ALL THE ISRAELIS
PROGRESSIVE AND PEACE FORCES FOR ITS COURAGE AND
APPLAUDS ALL THE MOVEMENTS THAT DENOUNCE THE
ISRAELI TERROR IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

THE PLO/UNIFIED LEADERSHIP AND IN THE NAME OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE UPRISING CALLS ON OUR ARAB
BRETHREN INSIDE TO VOTE FOR THE LISTS THAT RAISE
SLOGANS SUPPORTING THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE LED BY THE PLO. AND THOSE
LISTS THAT SUPPORT THE CONVENING OF AN EFFECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE PLO IN ORDER TO CREATE THE PALESTINIAN
STATE UNDER ITS LEADERSHIP. THIS VOTE WILL
INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND THE POWER OF OUR
BROTHER THE ARAB CITIZENS.

THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING ADDRESSES
THE MINDS AND LIVE CONSCIOUSNESS OF EVERY
ISRAELI SO THAT THEY CAN GRAB THIS HISTORIC
OPPORTUNITY TO REACH A JUST PEACE. THIS APPEAL
IS MADE WITH THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP COGNIZANT OF
ITS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND AT THE SAME
TIME ITS PERSISTENCE TO CONTINUE THE UPRISING
UNTIL THE FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM
JERUSALEM, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IS
ACCOMPLISHED AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE ABLE
TO ENJOY THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION, THE
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REFTEL REPORTED COMMENTS TO THE PRESS BY ISRAELI
OFFICIALS AND PLO EXCOM MEMBER HANI AL-HASSAN
ABOUT A POSSIBLE REVERSION BY PALESTINIANS IN
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO THE USE OF FIREARMS
AS A MEANS OF PURSUING THE INTIFADA. IN THIS
CONNECTION WE NOTE AN OCTOBER 24 STATEMENT FROM
ARAFAT IN BAGHDAD REPORTED IN THE ISRAELI PRESS
THAT THE PLO WOULD NOT RESORT TO ARMS IN THE
INTIFADA. ARAFAT REPORTEDLY TOLD A NEWS
CONFERENCE, "WE WILL CONTINUE NOT TO USE ARMS,
NOT OUT OF WEAKNESS BUT TO SHOW THE ISRAELI
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CITIZEN THAT THE WAY OF PEACE AND NOT OF WAR AND
BLOODSHED IS BEST FOR OUR CHILDREN."
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1. SUMMARY. IN AN OCTOBER 27 INTERVIEW WITH THE LONDON-BASED AL-HAYAT NEWSPAPER, KING HUSSEIN DENIED THAT HE AND 'ARAFAT HAD DISCUSSED DETAILS OF A JOINT DELEGATION OR CONFEDERATION DURING THEIR RECENT AQABA TALKS. HE ANNOUNCED THAT GOJ-PLO CONSULTATIONS WOULD CONTINUE WITH AN 'ARAFAT VISIT TO JORDAN AFTER THE NOVEMBER 12 PNC. EXCERPTS PUBLISHED IN LOCAL MEDIA SUGGESTED THAT THE KING ENDORSED THE CALL FOR AN EMERGENCY ARAB SUMMIT ON LEBANON, ALTHOUGH THE INTERVIEWER CONFIDED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE KING ACTUALLY ADVOCATED CONVENING A REGULAR ARAB SUMMIT IN RIYADH--A PROPOSITION WHICH HE WILL DISCUSS WITH THE SAUDI FOMIN ON OCTOBER 28. HUSSEIN ALSO DISCUSSED HIS INTENTION TO LAUNCH AN INITIATIVE TO FORM AN ARAB ECONOMIC UNION ALONG EEC LINES. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) THE OCTOBER 27 ISSUE OF THE LONDON-BASED AL-HAYAT NEWSPAPER CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH KING HUSSEIN. THIS CABLE REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF THAT INTERVIEW AS REPORTED IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL MEDIA.

AQABA TALKS: NO DISCUSSION OF CONFEDERATION

3. (U) WHILE NOTING THAT HIS OCTOBER 22 AQABA TALKS WITH PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR 'ARAFAT AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK WERE "POSITIVE AND VERY SATISFACTORY," HUSSEIN DENIED DISCUSSING DETAILS OF CONFEDERATION WITH A FUTURE PALESTINIAN STATE. THE KING OBSERVED THAT ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE "PREMATURE," ADDING THAT THE CONFEDERATION CONCEPT WAS "INITIATED, IN OUR VIEW, AS A MEANS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE PLO TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN REPRESENTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AND IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE." HE NOTED THAT THE AQABA MEETING ALSO DID NOT TOUCH ON THE SUBJECT OF A JOINT JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE."

4. (U) IN AN OCTOBER 25 INTERVIEW WITH AL-DUSTUR (ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY), INFORMATION MINISTER HANI KHASAWNEH TOOK A SIMILAR LINE. INSISTING THAT THE AQABA TALKS "DID NOT HAVE AN AGENDA," HE CONCLUDED THAT JORDAN "BELIEVE(S) THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO PRESENT A SPECIFIC FORMULA LIKE CONDEDERATION BECAUSE THE ARABS AND THE WORLD ARE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THE PNC SESSION AND ITS DECISIONS REGARDING THE PROCLAMATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE...."

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GOJ-PLO RELATIONS: 'ARAFAT WILL RETURN TO JORDAN AFTER PNC

5. (U) ON THE SUBJECT OF JORDAN'S RELATIONS WITH THE PLO, KING HUSSEIN REMARKED THAT "THERE IS A KEENNESS TO CONTINUE (GOJ-PLO) CONSULTATIONS, AND I BELIEVE THAT MR. 'ARAFAT WILL VISIT JORDAN AFTER THE PALESTINE NAIIONAL CUONCIL SESSION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN ALGIERS NOVEMBER 12." HE SAID THAT THE PLO IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING "A POLITICAL EFFORT BASED ON THE RESPONSIBILITY IT IS CURRENTLY SHOULDERING." "I BELIEVE

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THAT THIS POSITION WILL SHORTLY CRYSTALIZE," HE CONCLUDED.

6. (U) IN HIS OCTOBER 25 INTERVIEW, KHASAWNEH STRUCK AN EVEN MORE UPBEAT NOTE ON GOJ-PLO RELATIONS FOLLOWING THE TRIPARTITE TALKS IN AQABA: "FOR THE FIRST TIME, THINGS HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE RIGHT COURSE BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PLO."

LEBANON CRISIS: TIME FOR A (REGULAR) ARAB SUMMIT

7. (U) NOTING THAT THE LEBANON SITUATION HAD REACHED QA MOST CRITICAL STAGE," HUSSEIN CALLED FOR A PAN-ARAB EFFORT TO "AVERT THE COLLAPSE AND PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY." HE SAID HE WOULD SOON LAUNCH CONTACTS WITH SAUDI ARABIA TO DISCUSS CONVENING AN ARAB SUMMIT, ADDING THAT THE LEBANON ISSUE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED "AT THE

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HIGHEST LEVEL IN THE ARAB WORLD," WHETHER OR NOT SUCH DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE WITHIN AN ARAB SUMMIT.

8. [REDACTED] NOTE: THE AL-HAYAT INTERVIEWER TOLD THE AMBASSADOR PRIVATELY THAT THE KING'S REMARKS REFERRED TO A REGULAR ARAB SUMMIT, RATHER THAN AN EMERGENCY SUMMIT FOCUSED ON LEBANON, AND HAD BEEN DISTORTED IN LOCAL REPORTING OF THE INTERVIEW (SEE REFS A AND B). REGARDING CONSULTATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA, LOCAL MEDIA HAVE CONFIRMED REF C'S REPORT THAT SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AL-FAISAL WILL ARRIVE IN AMMAN ON OCTOBER 28. END NOTE.

NEW INITIATIVE: ARAB ECONOMIC UNION

9. (U) HUSSEIN DISCLOSED THAT JORDAN IS "PREPARING THE FORMULA" FOR CREATION OF AN ARAB ECONOMIC UNION SIMILAR
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TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. "WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONDITIONS ARE RIPE TO LAUNCH THIS IDEA," HE CONCLUDED.

10. [REDACTED] COMMENT: HUSSEIN'S ON-THE-RECORD DENIAL THAT HE AND 'ARAFAT DISCUSSED CONFEDERATION PRESUMABLY RELATES TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT, RATHER THAN THE ABSENCE OF TALKS PER SE. ROYAL DIWAN CHIEF MARWAN KASEM (REF D) HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CONFEDERATION WAS A TOPIC IN AQABA, BUT MAINTAINS THAT NO TERMS OR MODALITIES WERE AGREED UPON.

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2. SUMMARY

HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL ISRAEL KESSAR BELIEVES THE HISTADRUT ISSUE WILL NOT HURT THE LABOR PARTY IN ISRAEL'S NOVEMBER 1 PARLIAMENTARY (KNESSET) ELECTIONS. SAID IN AN OCTOBER 24 CONVERSATION WITH THE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE, KESSAR PREDICTED A VIRTUAL TIE BETWEEN LABOR AND LIKUD, FOLLOWED BY COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT. HE HOPED FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BANKERS TRUST AND KOOR, AND WAS HAPPY AT KOOR'S PROGRESS IN RECENT MONTHS IN

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CARRYING OUT A RECOVERY PROGRAM. HE REITERATED THAT WEST BANK AND GAZA UNIONS ARE PLO FRONTS AND SAID HIS SUPPORT OF ENGINEER UNION DEPSEC GEN COHEN-KAGAN TO BE ISRAEL'S NEW LABOR ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON WAS A CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO THE PROFESSIONAL UNIONS. END SUMMARY.

3. HE'S ACTIVE IN THE CAMPAIGN, IF NOT ON TV

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KESSAR SAID HE HAS BEEN OUT CAMPAIGNING THROUGHOUT ISRAEL, EVEN IF HE HAS NOT APPEARED ON TV, AS HARDLY ANYONE BUT PERES AND RABIN HAS BEEN FEATURED IN LABOR'S ADVERTISEMENTS. THIS WAS THE STRATEGY OF LABOR'S CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS. KESSAR WAS NOT SURE THIS WAS BEST, BUT SAID HE DID NOT MIND, AND WOULD APPEAR SOON IN LABOR'S TV ADS. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND. KNESSET SPEAKER HILLEL WAS UPSET AT NOT BEING ALLOWED TO EXPLOIT HIS BOOK ABOUT HIS UNDERCOVER ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ, AND MINISTER SHAHAL COMPLAINED RECENTLY TO KESSAR ABOUT HIS EXCLUSION.

4. EVEN ELECTION, PROBLEMS AFTER

KESSAR SAID THERE WILL BE "NO KNOCKOUT, NO BIG CHANGE" FOR THE BIG PARTIES IN THE ELECTION RESULTS--A SEAT OR TWO EITHER WAY. THERE WILL BE CHANGES FOR SOME OF THE SMALL PARTIES, AND THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT WILL GAIN, BUT THIS WILL NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE BLOCS. HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT FORMATION OF A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ROTATION AFTER THE ELECTIONS. HISTADRUT WILL BE ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE LABOR PARTY IN THE GOVERNMENT, IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE HISTADRUT SICK FUND (KUPAT HOLIM CLALIT) AND ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES (KOOR AND OTHER HEVRAT OVDIM FIRMS).

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5. HISTADRUT WILL NOT HURT LABOR IN THE ELECTIONS

KESSAR SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE HISTADRUT ISSUE WOULD HURT LABOR IN THE ELECTIONS. IN HIS FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC, HE FOUND LITTLE CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEMS OF HISTADRUT'S ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES, EXCEPT AMONG THEIR EMPLOYEES, WHO WERE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR JOBS. KESSAR THOUGHT IT HARD TO TELL HOW THIS WOULD INFLUENCE THEIR VOTE: FOR LIKUD OUT OF ANGER, OR FOR LABOR TO PROTECT THE ENTERPRISES THAT EMPLOY THEM. THE ISSUE DIED DOWN AFTER THE INITIAL FUROR AROUSED WHEN KOOR ANNOUNCED A QUARTER BILLION DOLLAR LOSS LAST MAY, KESSAR ASSERTED, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC WAS REASSURED THAT KOOR'S NEW MANAGEMENT WAS DOING A GOOD JOB. IT REDUCED KOOR EXPENSES BY 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN 3-4 MONTHS, HE ADDED. ALTHOUGH BANKER'S TRUST REINTRODUCED THE KOOR ISSUE BY APPEALING TO THE COURTS TO DISSOLVE THE FIRM, KESSAR DID NOT THINK KOOR WOULD AFFECT THE ELECTION RESULTS.

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6. KOOR

KESSAR FELT BANKERS' TRUST (BT) HAD BEEN SHORT-SIGHTED IN TRYING TO USE THE PRE-ELECTORAL PERIOD FOR LEVERAGE AGAINST KOOR. HE THOUGHT BT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ILL-ADVISED BY ITS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN ISRAEL FOR THE KOOR CASE (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH BT'S GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE HERE, KESSAR NOTED). KESSAR THOUGHT THIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE UNDER LIKUD FINANCE MINISTER HURWITZ, MIGHT BE TRYING TO HELP LIKUD BY PERSUADING BT TO PROCEED IN THIS FASHION. KESSAR HAD ASKED BANKERS' TRUST TO GIVE HIM A FEW DAYS TO FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THEM, BUT BT INSISTED ON PRESSING AHEAD WITH THE CASE. KESSAR SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO CRITICIZE BANKERS' TRUST AND EXACERBATE THE

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SITUATION. KESSAR THOUGHT THE FACT MANY KOOR WORKERS
VOTE LIKUD HELPED INFLUENCE PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, BUT
THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTERVENED SO HELPFULLY BECAUSE IT
AND THE BANK OF ISRAEL REALIZED THIS WAS A BIG PROBLEM
FOR THE GOI AND THE ISRAELI BANKS, NOT JUST FOR KOOR.
THE BIG QUESTION WOULD NOW BE IF THE GOI, AFTER THE
ELECTION, WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE AVAILABLE 50 MILLION
DOLLARS IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARES, AS ANNOUNCED. (COMMENT:
FINANCE MINISTER NISSIM TOLD US THIS OFFER NO LONGER

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STANDS.)

7. PENSION FUNDS IN GOOD SHAPE NOW

KESSAR SAID THE HISTADRUT PENSION FUNDS ARE NOT A PROBLEM
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NEEDING THE PROTECTION OF A LABOR PARTY PRESENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, AS ARE THE SICK FUND (KUPAT HOLIM) AND KOOR AND OTHER HISTADRUT (HEVRAT OVDIM) ENTERPRISES. THE FISCAL/ACTUARIAL SITUATION OF THE FUNDS HAD IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY SINCE THE CONTRIBUTION WAS RAISED BY ONE AND A HALF PERCENT OF SALARY (AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT FROM EMPLOYERS, HALF PERCENT FROM EMPLOYEES). KESSAR ADDED THAT THIS SITUATION WAS SOLIDIFIED WHEN THE HISTADRUT SUCCEEDED IN PRESSING NISSIM NOT TO DECREASE THE INTEREST RATE PAID TO THE FUNDS ON GOVERNMENT BONDS BY ONE PERCENT, BUT TO LEAVE IT AT 6.3 PERCENT.

8. WB/G UNIONS ARE JUST PLO FRONTS, KESSAR REITERATES

SINCE KESSAR PROTESTED TO US ABOUT THE HEARINGS ON THE PALESTINIAN WORKER RIGHTS PETITION AGAINST ISRAEL, THERE HAVE BEEN NEWS REPORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO DROP THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE GROUNDS OF NON-RECOGNITION OF ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TERRITORIES, THE LABOR ATTACHE NOTED. KESSAR COMMENTED THAT THE PLO NEEDS UNIONS IN THE TERRITORIES AS COVER FOR ITS ACTIVITIES. UNABLE TO PUT ANYONE OPENLY ON ITS PAYROLL AND OPEN OFFICES IN THE TERRITORIES AS IT DOES ABROAD, IT FINDS UNIONS THE MOST CONVENIENT SUBSTITUTE, KESSAR ALLEGED.

9. NEW WASHINGTON LABOR ATTACHE

KESSAR DENIED THAT ISRAEL'S NEW LABOR ATTACHE ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY, ELI COHEN-KAGAN, IS A LIBERAL. KESSAR SAID HE IS A LABOR PARTY PERSON.
(COMMENT: MAYBE WASHINGTON IS WORTH NOT A MASS BUT A QUICK CONVERSION). KESSAR OBSERVED THAT MANY WANTED THE
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WASHINGTON JOB, THE MOST DESIRABLE FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT FOR ISRAELIS, AND CRITICIZED COHEN-KAGAN AS NON-LABOR OUT OF

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JEALOUSY. KESSAR SAID HE RECOMMENDED COHEN-KAGAN FOR THE
JOB TO ENCOURAGE THE PROFESSIONAL UNIONS. HE NOTED THAT
THESE HARD ECONOMIC TIMES MADE IT HARD FOR THEM, AND
OTHER UNIONS, TO GET MUCH IN CONCRETE TERMS, AND THAT
THEY HAVE LONG BEEN DISSATISFIED WITHIN THE HISTADRUT
BECAUSE OF ITS WAGE POLICY, SO HE WANTED TO GIVE THEM
SOMETHING, IF ONLY A GESTURE LIKE THIS. PICKERING

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2. DCM RAISED THE PRESS REPORT OF IDF DEATH SQUADS OPERATING IN THE TERRITORIES WITH GOREN ON 10/26. DCM SAID WE HAD SEEN THE REUTER REPORT OF OCTOBER 23 ALLEGING THE EXISTENCE OF IDF DEATH SQUADS IN THE TERRITORIES, THE IDF DENIAL STATEMENT OF 10/24 AND THE TEXT OF A RADIO INTERVIEW GIVEN BY RABIN 10/25 WITH VOICE OF ISRAEL ALSO DENYING THE REUTER REPORT. DCM SAID HE WANTED TO ASK GOREN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL COORDINATOR FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRITORIES, FOR HIS OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE REUTERS REPORT. GOREN SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THERE WERE NO SUCH ACTIVITIES. NONE AT ALL. HE SAID THE GOI WAS USING SPECIAL UNITS IN THE TERRITORIES TO CARRY OUT SECURITY WORK BUT THAT NONE HAD ANY AUTHORITY TO OPEN FIRE BEYOND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WHICH THE U.S. HAD BEEN INFORMED.
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3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO/NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE ALLEGATION IN THE REUTER REPORT. IN OUR MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ISRAELI HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND PALESTINIANS, WE HAVE NEVER HEARD AN ALLEGATION OF DEATH SQUADS. TO BE

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SURE, WE HAVE HEARD PLENTY ABOUT ABUSES LEADING TO SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH (THREE CASES OF DEATH WHILE IN DETENTION ARE NOW UNDER ISRAELI INVESTIGATION). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESS SOURCES THAT REUTER MAY HAVE RUN A STORY WITH INSUFFICIENT SUBSTANTIATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS A SMALL GRAY AREA OF GOI OPERATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE SPARKED THE REUTER PIECE. WE KNOW THAT THE IDF IS SETTING UP AMBUSHES AIMED, WE WERE TOLD, AT APPREHENDING PALESTINIANS CARRYING OUT ACTION AGAINST THE OCCUPATION. THE IDF APPARENTLY USES INTELLIGENCE DATA TO STAKE OUT TARGETED LOCATIONS OR ROUTES OF INGRESS/EGRESS. IT IS REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT SOME OF THESE IDF OPERATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN THE USE OF LIVE FIRE AND PROBABLY PALESTINIAN CASUALTIES. WE WILL BE PURSUING THIS FURTHER. WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL REPORTS, ESPECIALLY RE GAZA, OF IDF PROVOCATIONS LEADING TO PALESTINIAN REACTION AND A TOUGH IDF RESPONSE. THE GIVATI BRIGADE SEEMS PARTICULARLY TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS. END COMMENT. PICKERING

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2. BEGIN SUMMARY: LIKUD CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR MISHA ARENS TOLD AMBASSADOR ON OCT. 25 HE BELIEVED LIKUD WOULD WIN "SIGNIFICANTLY" MORE SEATS THAN THE LABOR PARTY AND BE IN A POSITION TO FORM A NARROW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT LABOR AFTER THE ELECTIONS. HE ADDED THAT THIS NARROW COALITION OPTION WOULD GIVE LIKUD THE UPPER HAND IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH LABOR ON FORMATION OF ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

ARENS: LIKUD WILL TAKE ELECTION

3. AMBASSADOR MET WITH LIKUD CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR MISHA ARENS ON OCT. 25. ARENS BELIEVED LIKUD WOULD WIN "SIGNIFICANTLY" MORE SEATS THAN LABOR IN THE NOV. 1 ELECTION AND SAID THERE WOULD BE A MAJORITY FOR A

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NARROW LIKUD-LED RIGHT/RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD ENABLE LIKUD TO NEGOTIATE FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH WITH LABOR ON THE FORMATION OF ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED.

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LIKUD CAMPAIGN GOING WELL

4. ARENS WAS SATISFIED WITH LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN AND PLEASED BY THE CROWDS ITS RALLIES HAD BEEN ATTRACTING. HE NOTED THAT SHARON WOULD BE APPEARING (FOR THE FIRST TIME) ON LIKUD'S TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCAST THIS EVENING. ARENS DID NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT SURPRISES OVER THE NEXT WEEK. HE THOUGHT PERES HAD ALREADY PULLED ALL THE RABBITS HE HAD OUT OF HIS HAT. LIKUD, ARENS SAID, HAD FOCUSED ON FOREIGN POLICY, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE CAMPAIGN, AND HAD SOUGHT TO TAG PERES WITH THE LABEL OF BEING UNTRUSTWORTHY AND A RISK-TAKER.

5. ARENS BELIEVED THE DISQUALIFICATION OF KACH WOULD WORK TO LIKUD'S ADVANTAGE. HE DID NOT SEE ANY LIKUD LOSS OF SUPPORT IN ITS CORE SEPHARDI CONSTITUENCY OR AMONG YOUNG VOTERS. HE ALSO ASSERTED LIKUD WOULD DOUBLE ITS NON-JEWISH VOTE AND GARNER THE EQUIVALENT OF A SEAT FROM THAT SECTOR. HE SPECULATED THAT THOSE LIKUD-INCLINED VOTERS WHO HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SMALL RIGHT PARTIES WOULD "COME HOME" TO LIKUD, BUT THIS WAS A GUT FEELING AND A HOPE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. ARENS NOTED THAT LABOR'S EZER WEIZMAN HAD MADE A MISTAKE BY PUBLICLY SAYING LABOR WOULD CONSIDER A MINORITY GOVERNMENT DEPENDENT ON THE NON-ZIONIST, PRIMARILY ARAB PARTIES. ARENS COMPLIMENTED LABOR'S TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN TO TARGET

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UNDECIDED VOTERS BUT DOUBTED LABOR HAD BEEN ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY FOLLOW-UP. LIKUD'S OWN EFFORTS HAD BEEN ON THE PRECINCT LEVEL RATHER THAN THE CENTRALLY-MOUNTED CAMPAIGN OF LABOR.

EVENTS OVER THE LAST WEEK

6. WE ASKED HOW EVENTS OVER THE LAST WEEK WOULD AFFECT THE CAMPAIGN. ARENS BELIEVED THAT TERRORISM AND INFILTRATIONS STRENGTHENED LIKUD AND REINFORCED THE FEELING THAT ISRAEL HAD TO BE STRONG AND NOT TAKE RISKS. HE THOUGHT THE HUSSEIN NIGHTLINE INTERVIEW COULD CUT BOTH WAYS. THE SHAMIR-PERES DEBATE HAD PROBABLY WORKED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF LIKUD, HE SAID, BECAUSE LABOR BUILT UP EXPECTATIONS OF A PERES "KNOCKOUT" OF SHAMIR. EVEN A SHAMIR-PERES DRAW WORKED TO LIKUD'S BENEFIT, IN HIS VIEW.

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DOUBTS ISRAELI POLL RELIABILITY

7. ARENS DID NOT CONSIDER THE ISRAELI ELECTION SURVEYS DEPENDABLE AND HE DID NOT RELY ON THEM. HE POINTED TO THE DIFFICULT STATISTICAL PROBLEM CAUSED BY THE ABUNDANCE OF POLITICAL PARTIES, THE LACK OF COVERAGE OF THE ARAB SECTOR AND EVEN PROBLEMS WITH GETTING AN ACCURATE JEWISH SAMPLE. ACCURACY BECAME EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF UNCERTAIN VOTERS (WHICH HE BELIEVED NUMBERED ABOUT 20 PERCENT AT THIS POINT), THE TENDENCY OF PART OF THE PUBLIC TO CONCEAL ITS PREFERENCES, AND THE QUESTIONABLE PRACTICE OF TRANSLATING RAW POLL DATA INTO KNESSET SEATS.

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THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES

8. ARENS WAS CONVINCED NONE OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES OTHER THAN MEMAD WERE CAPABLE OF ENTERING A LABOR-LED NARROW COALITION BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION FROM THEIR CONSTITUENCIES. HE THOUGHT THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY, AGUDAT ISRAEL AND SHAS WERE DEFINITELY ORIENTED TOWARD LIKUD. WE ASKED IF LIKUD HAD REACHED ANY PRE-ELECTION COALITION ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANY OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES. ARENS SUGGESTED THERE WERE SOME "IMPLICIT" UNDERSTANDINGS BUT DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL.

THE INTIFADA

9. LOOKING AHEAD, ARENS ASSERTED THAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF A LIKUD ELECTION VICTORY WOULD HAVE A CHILLING EFFECT ON THE UPRISING. HE DID NOT GIVE RABIN "GOOD MARKS" FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE

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INTIFADA. RABIN HAD SAID THINGS THAT WERE UNNECESSARY AND HAD SET THE WRONG TONE. BY CONTRAST, ARENS SAID HE WOULD HAVE WORKED ON THE EXPECTATIONS OF PALESTINIANS, MAKING IT CLEAR THE UPRISING WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN PRESSURING ISRAEL. ARENS WOULD HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT GIVE IN TO THE INTIFADA.

PEACE PROCESS

10. WE RAISED WITH ARENS LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN PEACE PROCESS PITCH. HE NOTED THE "SERIOUS PROBLEM" OF FINDING AN ARAB PARTNER. ARENS ARGUED THAT THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT CONCEPT AS DETAILED IN THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS WAS AS APPLICABLE TODAY AS A DECADE AGO ("THERE IS NO OTHER WAY"). HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD OPPOSED THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS BECAUSE THEY REQUIRED THE "TRANSFER" OF ISRAELIS FROM THE SINAI. HE WAS JUST AS OPPOSED TO THE "TRANSFER" OF ARABS, NOTING HIS SATISFACTION THAT THE KACH PARTY OF KAHANE (WHO HE BELIEVED WAS CRAZY) HAD BEEN DISQUALIFIED FROM RUNNING IN THE ELECTION.

11. ARENS EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF A VIBRANT PEACE PROCESS FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI AND U.S. ELECTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE REITERATED OPPOSITION TO THE CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL

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CONFERENCE IN FAMILIAR TERMS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AND A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT ON AN INTERLOCKED BASIS WAS A MISTAKE WHICH CONFOUNDED THE PURPOSE OF AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT. IN ARENS' VIEW, AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN SETTLED UPON AT CAMP DAVID BECAUSE OF THE

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INABILITY OF THE PARTIES TO AGREE IN DETAIL ABOUT FINAL STATUS QUESTIONS. THE CONCEPT WAS THAT A PERIOD OF YEARS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK FOR PRODUCTIVE FINAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING THE INTIFADA, MORE -- NOT LESS -- TIME MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO FIND THE PROPER PATH.

12. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ'S SUGGESTION WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROCEED BEYOND THE INTERIM PHASE. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED WHY LIKUD SUSPICION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE APPROACH TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WAS MISPLACED AND SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF DISCUSSING OUR JOINT OBJECTIVES. ARENS AGREED THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE USEFUL.

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SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION

2. THE LABOR AND LIKUD ECONOMIC PLATFORMS ARE
SIMILAR IN SUBSTANCE BUT DIFFER IN PERSPECTIVE AND
APPROACH. LABOR IS ATTEMPTING TO DISTANCE ITSELF
FROM ITS TRADITIONAL INTERVENTIONIST ORIENTATION AND
TO ENCOURAGE GREATER OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES IN
THE ECONOMY. THE LIKUD STRATEGY EMPHASIZES LABOR'S
ECONOMIC FAILURES WHILE CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF THE
FREE MARKET AND CLAIMING CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESS OF
THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT'S (NUG) STABILIZATION
PROGRAM. PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S ECONOMIC ADVISER
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NOTES THAT, DESPITE THE CAMPAIGN RHETORIC, A BASIC
CONSENSUS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO
MAJOR PARTIES. OTHER ISRAELI ECONOMIC OBSERVERS,
INCLUDING BANK OF ISRAEL GOVERNOR MICHAEL BRUNO,
AGREE WITH THIS OBSERVATION. THUS THE POLICIES
ADOPTED BY THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, WHETHER HEADED BY

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LIKUD OR LABOR OR THE TWO TOGETHER IN ANOTHER NUG,
WILL LIKELY NOT DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM CURRENT
ECONOMIC POLICY.

THE LABOR PARTY PLATFORM

3. THE LABOR PARTY HAS ADOPTED THE STYLE OF A U.S. POLITICAL PARTY IN THAT IT RELIES ON CONSULTANTS, ACADEMICIANS, AND THINK TANKS FOR ECONOMIC IDEAS, PROPOSALS, AND POSITION PAPERS. THE POSITIONS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL ECONOMIC PLATFORM ADVISORS TO LABOR WHO ARE PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO SHIMON PERES.

4. THE CURRENT STABILIZATION PLAN RELIES ON FIXED NOMINAL EXCHANGE RATES AND RELATIVELY HIGH INTEREST RATES. THE LABOR PLAN CALLS FOR A SHIFT FROM THE SHORT TERM MEASURES OF THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM TO POLICIES THAT WOULD FOSTER FASTER EXPORT-LED GROWTH (5 PERCENT PER YEAR) AND REDUCE THE EXTERNAL DEBT COMPONENT OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT WHILE MAINTAINING PRICE STABILITY. THE MACROECONOMIC VIEW OF THE LABOR PLATFORM FEATURES:

- MAINTAINING FISCAL RESTRAINT, INCLUDING THE

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CURRENT LEVEL OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURE

- MAINTAINING THE PER CAPITA LEVEL OF TRANSFER PAYMENTS BY CONSTRAINING THEIR GROWTH RATE TO THAT OF THE POPULATION
- ADJUSTING THE EXCHANGE RATE TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING
- LOWERING THE LONG-TERM COST OF CAPITAL TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRY AND IN THE PRODUCTIVE SECTORS
- OPENING UP THE ECONOMY TO THE WORLD MARKET AND STRENGTHENING COMPETITION WITHIN THE ECONOMY
- GIVING PREFERENCE TO OUTLYING DEVELOPMENT REGIONS

5. LABOR SEES THE NEED FOR AN ECONOMIC-SOCIAL

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CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, HISTADRUT, AND EMPLOYERS (SIMILAR TO THE ACCORD WHICH ENABLED THE RECENT ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PLAN TO SUCCEED) TO FORM THE FOUNDATION FOR THE MICROECONOMIC MEASURES AND REFORMS OF THE LABOR PLATFORM. THIS CONVENTION WOULD INCLUDE:

- REFORM OF WAGE AGREEMENTS WHEREBY FIRM AND INDUSTRY AGREEMENTS ARE PRIMARILY DETERMINED BY NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE, WITH COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS BEING PAID QUARTERLY.
- REFORM OF THE CAPITAL MARKET BY REDUCING THE GOVERNMENT'S DOMINANT ROLE IN THE CAPITAL MARKET AND BY ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION OF SAVERS AND INVESTORS

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- BROADENING OF THE TAX BASE WHILE REDUCING MARGINAL RATES, AND BALANCING THE BUDGET BY INCREASING VALUE ADDED TAXES (VAT). THE TAX SYSTEM SHOULD BE PRESCRIPTIVE TO ATTAIN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND NATIONAL GOALS.
- INCREASED INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO AVOID A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN THE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH RATE.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING HEALTH CARE FUNDS; REFORMING BOTH THE FINANCING AND PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES TO HALT THE CHRONIC DEFICITS OF HEALTH CARE FUNDS (INSURERS) AND PROVIDERS OF SERVICES (HOSPITALS, ETC.).

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- PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS WHILE PRESERVING THE PUBLIC INTEREST.
- INVESTMENT IN HUMAN CAPITAL WHICH WOULD BE TREATED FOR TAX PURPOSES AS INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL CAPITAL.

THE LIKUD ECONOMIC PLATFORM

5. THE LIKUD PARTY, MADE UP OF THE HERUT (DOMINANT) AND LIBERAL FACTIONS, DOES NOT POSSESS THE INTERVENTIONIST TENDENCIES OF LABOR. THE LIKUD EMPHASIZES THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CURRENT ECONOMIC STABILITY AND CLAIMS CREDIT FOR RECENT SUCCESSSES BASED ON ITS CONTROL OF MANY OF THE ECONOMIC-RELATED MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS. LIKUD POINTS TO INFLATION, WHICH HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 450 PERCENT TO 16 PERCENT IN THE PERIOD 1985-88 AND STATES IT WILL IMPLEMENT SUCH ADDITIONAL MEASURES AS ARE NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE CURRENT INFLATION RATE EVEN FURTHER. THE LIKUD'S COMMITMENT TO A FREE MARKET ECONOMY FORMS THE FOUNDATION OF ITS ECONOMIC PROGRAM. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KEY POINTS CONTAINED IN THE LIKUD PARTY ECONOMIC PLATFORM:

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- FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE FREE ENTERPRISE

- REDUCED GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY

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- REFORM OF THE CAPITAL MARKET TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PRIVATE SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT

- REDUCTION IN THE BUREAUCRACY OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE TAX ADMINISTRATION

- SALE OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES EXCEPT WHERE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CANNOT FUNCTION

- USE OF FUNDS FROM THE PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES TO REDUCE TAXES

- REFORM OF THE TAX STRUCTURE FOR A MORE EQUITABLE TAX BURDEN

- CREATION OF JOBS TO ENSURE FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF REAL WAGES

- INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS AND PRODUCTIVITY IN THE ISRAELI ECONOMY

- REDUCING INFLATION, THROUGH APPROPRIATE MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY, TO THE LEVELS OF ISRAEL'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS

- EXPORT PROMOTION AS THE MEANS TO ARRIVE AT ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

- DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOURISM SECTOR AS A MAJOR EXPORT SECTOR BY DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE WORLD WIDE MARKETING NETWORK

6. ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, THE LIKUD HAS ARTICULATED ITS VIEWS THROUGH ATTACKS ON LABOR AND HAS FOCUSED

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ON THE SHORTCOMINGS OF LABOR ECONOMIC POLICY.
AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A LIKUD PORTRAIT OF A
VIBRANT AND SUCCESSFUL FREE MARKET ECONOMY, THE
LIKUD CONDEMNS TRADITIONAL LABOR POSITIONS
CONCERNING THE CUMBERSOME HISTADRUT, SUBSIDIES FOR
INEFFICIENT INDUSTRIES, EXCESSIVE REGULATION AND
TAXES, AND LABOR'S SUPPOSED GENERAL DISTASTE FOR
CONSUMERISM, PERSONAL WEALTH, AND THE MARKET
ECONOMY. LIKUD HAS CRITICIZED LABOR FOR WAGE
BREACHES AND FOR PAYMENTS TO FAILING HISTADRUT
COMPANIES. LIKUD CLAIMS THESE COMPANIES FAIL
BECAUSE OF WEAK MANAGEMENT AND INEFFICIENCY DIRECTLY
ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SELF-SEEKING CONSIDERATIONS OF
THE LABOR PARTY.

7. LABOR, FOR ALL ITS POSITION PAPERS, IS WEAKENED
BY ITS INABILITY TO PRODUCE A STRONG PERSONALITY TO
TOUT AS THEIR FUTURE FINANCE MINISTER OR LEADER ON
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ECONOMIC ISSUES. GAD YA'ACOB, THE CURRENT MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND PLANNING AND A LABOR CANDIDATE FOR THE FINANCE MINISTRY, HAS HAD LIMITED IMPACT ON POLICY AND IS PERCEIVED AS A MARGINAL FIGURE IN THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT. IN THE EVENT OF THE FORMATION OF A LABOR GOVERNMENT, SHIMON PERES MAY HAVE TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE FINANCE PORTFOLIO. BY CONTRAST, CURRENT LIKUD FINANCE MINISTER MOSHE NISSIM IS EFFECTIVE AND, PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT ELECTORALLY, WIDELY RESPECTED.

8. AMOS RUBIN, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, INDICATED IN A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH US THAT DESPITE DIFFERING TACTICAL APPROACHES TO THE ECONOMY, THERE IS IN FACT AN UNDERLYING CONSENSUS ON OBJECTIVES BETWEEN THE LIKUD AND LABOR. OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BANK OF ISRAEL GOVERNOR MICHAEL BRUNO, AND BUSINESSMEN HAVE REACHED SIMILAR CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC PLATFORMS OF THE TWO PARTIES. RUBIN CHARACTERIZED LABOR AS MORE PRAGMATIC THAN IDEOLOGICAL, NOTING THAT ITS TRADITIONAL INTERVENTIONIST ROLE WAS A MEANS TO AN END--NATION BUILDING--NOT AN IDEOLOGY.

COMMENT

9. THE LIBERAL FACTION'S FREE MARKET IDEOLOGY AND LIKUD'S NON-INTERVENTIONIST TENDENCIES ARE FORGING A TIMELY MATCH IN TUNE WITH ISRAELI SOCIETY. THE PUBLIC HAS NOT RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE LABOR ECONOMIC PLATFORM (ASIDE FROM EXPRESSIONS OF

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SUPPORT FOR PERES BY SOME INDUSTRIALISTS). ADMITTEDLY, PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES OVERSHADOW ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN. THE LABOR PARTY, HOWEVER, NEEDS TO PUBLICIZE ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC POSITIONS WHICH ARE EVOLVING IN STEP WITH THE ISRAELI PUBLIC MOOD. SHIMON PERES IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "MAARIV" NEWSPAPER IN JULY STATED THAT "THE SITUATION OF THE ECONOMY TODAY IS DETERMINED MORE BY MARKETS THAN BY GOVERNMENTS."

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THIS REMARK IS FAR FROM THE TRADITIONAL LABOR VIEW ON THE ECONOMY AND THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, BUT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL PERCEPTION OF LABOR AMONG THE ELECTORATE.

10. A REVIEW OF LABOR'S POLICY STATEMENTS AND LIKUD'S PRACTICES SUPPORTS RUBIN'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE PARTIES ARE BY AND LARGE IN BASIC AGREEMENT ON FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. LABOR HAS BEEN DISTANCING ITSELF FROM THE PROBLEM-RIDDEN HISTADRUT AND KUPAT HOLIM AND APPEARS MORE PRAGMATIC ON ECONOMIC ISSUES THAN IN THE PAST. LIKUD, IF ELECTED, MAY LIKELY ADOPT SOME OF THE REFORMS ARTICULATED IN LABOR'S ECONOMIC PLATFORM. IT THUS APPEARS LIKELY THAT CURRENT ECONOMIC POLICIES WILL NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE SHOULD EITHER LABOR OR LIKUD FORM A GOVERNMENT OR IN THE EVENT A NEW NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT EMERGES FROM THE ELECTIONS. PICKERING

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ARAB STATES: ACCEPTANCE OF
A PALESTINIAN STATE

1. [REDACTED] IF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC) CONVENES IN NOVEMBER AND DECLARES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, AS NOW APPEARS LIKELY, MOST ARAB STATES WILL ANNOUNCE THEIR SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH EGYPT, JORDAN, AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE RESERVATIONS THAT SUCH A STATE IS WORKABLE, OR DESIRABLE, THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO APPEAR LESS THAN FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.

EGYPT

2. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT MUBARAK WOULD PREFER THAT A PALESTINIAN ENTITY BE ESTABLISHED IN CONFEDERATION WITH
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JORDAN. BUT THE SIGNALS ARE CLEAR THAT EGYPT WILL RECOGNIZE WHATEVER MANIFESTATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE THE PNC MAY ANNOUNCE--INCLUDING A PALESTINIAN STATE. FAILING TO DO SO WOULD NOT ONLY PUT MUBARAK OUT OF STEP WITH KEY ARAB ALLIES, BUT WITH HIS OWN POPULATION, WHICH IS LIKELY TO VOICE STRONG SUPPORT.

3. [REDACTED] FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID SAID ON OCTOBER 17 THAT THE UN PARTITION RESOLUTION OF 1947 (RESOLUTION 181) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE "BIRTH CERTIFICATE" OF A PALESTINIAN STATE AS WELL AS OF ISRAEL.

4. [REDACTED] IN THE WAKE OF JORDAN'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE WEST BANK, MUBARAK SAID AS EARLY AS AUGUST 30 THAT EGYPT WOULD AGREE TO AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE BASED ON "WISDOM AND ACCURATE CONSIDERATIONS." PLO CHIEF

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ARAFAT APPEARS TO HAVE GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO CONSULT MUBARAK ON PLO STRATEGY; ARAFAT PROBABLY IS COUNTING ON THE EGYPTIAN LEADER TO HELP OBTAIN MORE FAVORABLE US AND EUROPEAN REACTIONS.

5. [REDACTED] MUBARAK HAS ARGUED THAT THE PLO MUST TAILOR ITS STATEMENTS TO US AND ISRAELI AUDIENCES AND WAIT UNTIL THE TENSE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD IN BOTH COUNTRIES HAS PASSED. PUTTING OFF THE PNC UNTIL MID-NOVEMBER AND PERHAPS MENTIONING UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 MIGHT REPRESENT THE PLO'S BEST EFFORT TO MEET THOSE CONDITIONS.

JORDAN

6. [REDACTED] KING HUSSEIN HAS PLEDGED TO ACCEPT WHATEVER DECLARATION THE PLO DECIDES TO MAKE ABOUT A PALESTINIAN STATE, A POSITION FOREIGN MINISTER AL-MASRI
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REAFFIRMED IN AN OCTOBER 15 INTERVIEW. WITH A LARGE PALESTINIAN POPULATION ON THE EAST BANK, AND HAVING PUBLICLY HANDED OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WEST BANK TO THE PLO, THERE IS LITTLE ELSE FOR HUSSEIN TO DO.

7. [REDACTED] THE PRIVATE JORDANIAN REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC. IN AN OCTOBER 11 MEETING WITH AMBASSADORS SUDDARTH AND PICKERING, PRIME MINISTER RIFA'I SAID THAT DECLARING AN INDEPENDENT STATE BASED ON RESOLUTION 181 REPRESENTED A "MIDDLE GROUND" FOR ARAFAT AND WOULD DO NOTHING TO MOVE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE FORWARD.

SAUDI ARABIA

8. [REDACTED] THE SAUDIS WILL RECOGNIZE A PALESTINIAN STATE PROMPTLY; THEY ARE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL ALLIES OF ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM PLO, AND A SO ITS MOST RELIABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORTER. AS A KEY ARAB STATE AND ISLAMIC LEADER, SAUDI ARABIA COULD NOT AFORD TO BE SEEN HOLDING BACK FROM SUPPORTING THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THE UPRISING. IN ANY CASE, THE VAGUE DECLARATION THE PLO APPEARS TO HAVE IN MIND WOULD NOT COMMIT THE SAUDIS TO ANY COURSE OF ACTION OTHER THAN A PUBLIC SHOW OF SUPPORT.

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SYRIA

9. [REDACTED] LOATHING ARAFAT AND PROBABLY FEARING HE
WOULD GAIN IN STATURE, PRESIDENT ASSAD DOES NOT FAVOR
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CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. ALSO, THE
SYRIANS ARE CONCERNED LEST THE PLO COUPLE A DECLARATION
WITH SOME FORM OF RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL; A RECENT
EDITORIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS ARGUED THIS
WOULD AMOUNT TO CANCELING THE PALESTINE NATIONAL
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SUMMARY

2. THE ISRAELI ECONOMY CURRENTLY IS EXPERIENCING A
MARKED ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
HAS DECLINED. UNEMPLOYMENT HAS JUMPED SHARPLY.

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ISRAEL'S LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CONCERN IS UNDER LEGAL
THREAT OF LIQUIDATION. THE AGRICULTURAL,
EDUCATION, AND HEALTH SECTORS ALL HAVE EXPERIENCED
AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT YEAR. UNIVERSITY
ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE REFUSED TO BEGIN THE ACADEMIC

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YEAR, CLAIMING INSUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT FUNDING. PUBLIC HOSPITAL STAFFS ARE THREATENING TO STRIKE. THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET IS DEPRESSED. WE EXPECT THE ISRAELI ECONOMY TO EXPERIENCE ONLY MINIMAL GROWTH THIS YEAR.

3. ALTHOUGH THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY HAS EMERGED AS A KEY ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN, IT HAS BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE PEACE AND SECURITY DEBATE. THIS IS PARTLY DUE TO A DELAY IN THE SCOPE OF THE CURRENT SLOWDOWN BEING PERCEIVED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALSO, THE EXISTENCE OF THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT HAS DAMPENED DEBATE ON PAST ECONOMIC POLICY SINCE BOTH LIKUD AND LABOR SHARED IN ITS FORMULATION. IN ADDITION, THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR ON FUTURE ECONOMIC POLICY IN THAT BOTH PARTIES ARE EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR BUDGETARY RESTRAINT, REDUCED GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE ECONOMY, AND THE OPENING OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMY TO INCREASED COMPETITION.

4. GIVEN THIS GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE DEBATE BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR HAS FOCUSED NOT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, BUT ON THE COMPETENCE OF THE ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP THE PARTIES WOULD PROVIDE. LIKUD ALSO HAS TRIED TO PIN THE PROBLEMS OF THE HISTADRUT'S FALTERING INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES ON THE (LABOR)

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"PARTY ECONOMY," IN CONTRAST TO THE LIKUD'S ADVOCACY OF A "FREE ECONOMY." ON THESE ISSUES, LIKUD HAS THE ADVANTAGE OVER LABOR. END SUMMARY.

5. THE ISRAELI ECONOMY CURRENTLY IS IN THE MIDST OF A MARKED ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION DROPPED 3.5 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, STABILIZED IN THE SECOND QUARTER, AND PROBABLY DROPPED AGAIN IN THE THIRD. UNEMPLOYMENT JUMPED SHARPLY OVER THE SUMMER AND IS NOW PROBABLY RUNNING AROUND 6.5 TO 7.0 PERCENT. THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CONCERN IN ISRAEL, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST TEN PERCENT OF GDP, IS UNDER LEGAL THREAT OF LIQUIDATION (REFTEL A). THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LARGEST BANK IN ISRAEL RECENTLY WERE FORCED TO RESIGN EN MASSE OVER THEIR HANDLING OF A BANKING SCANDAL WHICH HAS SPANNED SEVERAL YEARS (REFTEL B). THE AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH

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SECTORS ALL HAVE EXPERIENCED AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT YEAR CAUSED IN PART BY THE GOVERNMENT'S TIGHT BUDGETARY POLICIES. REAL INTEREST RATES ARE RUNNING AT ABOUT 35 PERCENT. THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET IS DEPRESSED. WE EXPECT THE ISRAELI ECONOMY TO EXPERIENCE ONLY MINIMAL GROWTH THIS YEAR. (REFTEL C).

6. ECONOMIC ISSUES HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZED IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN BY LIKUD AND LABOR, AS WELL AS BY THE SMALL CENTER-SHINUI PARTY. BUT THE GENERAL STATE OF THE ECONOMY TRAILS FAR BEHIND QUESTIONS OF PEACE AND SECURITY AS AN ELECTORAL ISSUE.

7. IN PART, THIS IS THE RESULT OF A DELAY IN THE FULL SCOPE OF THE CURRENT SLOWDOWN BEING PERCEIVED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

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STILL HAS AFFECTED ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE
POPULACE; OFFICIALS AT THE TREASURY TELL US THEY
EXPECT REALLY SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF JOB LAYOFFS
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AVERAGE ISRAELI STILL TENDS TO JUDGE THE SUCCESS OF ECONOMIC POLICY IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO RESTRAIN INFLATION AND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN HAS ACTED OVER RECENT MONTHS TO SUPPRESS THE RISE IN THE GENERAL PRICE LEVEL.

8. THE EXISTENCE OF THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT

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HAS TENDED TO DAMPEN DEBATE BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES ON PAST ECONOMIC POLICY SINCE BOTH LIKUD AND LABOR SHARED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM WHICH CONTINUES TO GUIDE GOVERNMENT ACTION ON THE ECONOMY. LABOR HAS BEEN POINTING OUT THAT THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM WAS INITIATED UNDER PERES' PREMIERSHIP AND WAS PUSHED THROUGH THE CABINET BY LABOR OVER THE OPPOSITION OF A NUMBER OF LIKUD MINISTERS. LIKUD, MEANWHILE, HAS ATTEMPTED TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR ITSELF FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM IN BRINGING INFLATION DOWN FROM OVER 440 PERCENT TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF LESS THAN 20 PERCENT.

9. THERE IS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR ON FUTURE ECONOMIC POLICY. THE PLATFORMS OF BOTH PARTIES STRESS BUDGETARY RESTRAINT, REDUCED GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE ECONOMY AND ESPECIALLY IN THE CAPITAL MARKET, AND THE OPENING OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMY TO INCREASED COMPETITION. (THE ECONOMIC PLATFORMS OF THE MAJOR PARTIES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SEPTTEL.) GIVEN THIS CONSENSUS, THE DEBATE BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR HAS FOCUSED NOT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, BUT ON THE QUALITY OF ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP THE PARTIES WOULD PROVIDE.

10. LIKUD HAS BEEN ABLE TO SCORE POLITICAL POINTS AMONG THE POPULACE BY EMPHASISING THE LONG-RUNNING PROBLEMS OF THE HISTADRUT'S "WORKERS ECONOMY". IT HAS ARGUED THAT MISMANAGEMENT RESULTED IN THE CLOSURES AND RESTRUCTURING OF MAJOR HISTADRUT ENTERPRISES AND THAT THIS IS A SAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP A LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD

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PROVIDE ISRAEL. THE LIKUD ALSO HAS ASSERTED THAT A NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD RAID THE PUBLIC TREASURY TO BAIL OUT FAILING HISTADRUT ENTERPRISES. LABOR HAS TRIED TO PARRY THESE THRUSTS, BUT THEY HAVE HAD THEIR EFFECT. DURING THE SUMMER, LABOR TRIED TO DEEMPHASIZE ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE HISTADRUT LABOR FEDERATION, BUT LABOR'S RELIANCE ON HISTADRUT'S ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN MACHINERY PRECLUDED LABOR FROM CONTINUING TO KEEP HISTADRUT'S ACTIVISTS IN THE BACKGROUND (REFTEL D).

11. THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE HISTADRUT HAVE MADE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR LABOR TO CRITICIZE THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF MOSHE NISSIM, THE LIKUD MINISTER OF FINANCE. OVER THE PAST YEAR, NISSIM HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR MINISTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT. HIS WILLINGNESS TO BATTLE POWERFUL INTEREST GROUPS IN DEFENSE OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE BUDGET HAS MADE HIM A SYMBOL IN ISRAEL OF RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP.

12. NISSIM ALSO HAS BENEFITED FROM A CHANGE IN THE PUBLIC'S EXPECTATIONS REGARDING PROPER GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ACTIONS; THE REDUCTIONS HE ORDERED THIS MONTH IN SUBSIDIES FOR BASIC COMMODITIES JUST A MONTH BEFORE ELECTIONS WAS ACCEPTED WITH LITTLE COMPLAINT BY A PUBLIC WHICH IN PRIOR YEARS HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL LARGESS IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO ELECTIONS. LIKUD HAS MADE LIMITED USE OF NISSIM IN ITS TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCASTS; LABOR HAS COUNTERED WITH GAD YACOBI, THE MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND PLANNING. YACOBI SUFFERS, HOWEVER, FROM THE QUITE CORRECT PUBLIC PERCEPTION THAT THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY IS A MARGINAL CABINET PORTFOLIO WITH LITTLE INPUT INTO

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ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES. LIKUD HAS IN NISSIM A REAL
POLITICAL ADVANTAGE ON THE ISSUE OF COMPETENCE OF
ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP. STILL, LIKUD HAS SPENT MORE
OF ITS TELEVISION TIME AND PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS IN
ATTACKING THE LABOR-HISTADRUT DUO THAN IN
PRESENTING ITS OWN POLICIES. PICKERING

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1. SUMMARY. JORDANIAN MEDIA HAVE WARMLY PRAISED THE MUBARAK/'ARAFAT/HUSSEIN MEETING IN AQABA, ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS OF THE TALKS HAVE EMERGED IN PRINT. A BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT BY HUSSEIN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE MEETING. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS, LOCAL REPORTAGE HAS FOCUSED ON THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING AND ON JORDAN'S CONTINUING ROLE-- WITHIN A PAN-ARAB EFFORT--TO PROMOTE THE PEACE PROCESS AND HASTEN CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES IN THE JORDANIAN PRESS HAVE NOT DRAWN AN EXPLICIT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE AQABA TALKS AND THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS PRIVATE SPECULATION THAT THE VISIT MAY HELP PERES AT THE POLLS. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) FEW DETAILS OF HUSSEIN'S OCTOBER 23 AQABA TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND PLO CHAIRMAN 'ARAFAT HAVE BEEN REVEALED, BUT JORDANIAN MEDIA HAVE HERALDED THE OCCASION IN HYPERBOLIC TERMS AS A "HISTORIC" MOMENT IN ARAB COORDINATION ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

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EDITORIALS IN ALL NEWSPAPERS HAVE WELCOMED THE VISIT, Q AND SEVERAL CITE THE MUBARAK/ARAFAT SHUTTLE TO AQABA AND BAGHDAD AS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF "A BROADER ARAB EFFORT" TO BOLSTER SUPPORT FOR THE "PALESTINIAN POLITICAL DRIVE FOR NATIONAL RIGHTS."

3. (U) LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ARE FILLED WITH REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES ON THE AQABA MEETINGS, BUT NONE DEPART FROM THE CAUTIOUS OFFICIAL LINE ON THE MEETINGS. WITH STYLISTIC VARIATIONS, ALL EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- JORDAN IS PLEASED TO RENEW DIALOGUE WITH THE PLO, AND TO SEE THE PLO "SHOULDERING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES" IN THE PEACE PROCESS;

-- JORDAN HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHICH GIVES HUSSEIN AND THE GOJ A ROLE TO PLAY "WITH THE OTHER ARAB STATES" IN THE PEACE PROCESS;

-- "JORDAN'S LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK DOES NOT MEAN THAT JORDAN HAS ALSO DISENGAGED FROM OVERALL PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS";

-- MUBARAK DESERVES SPECIAL PERSONAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS ROLE IN FOSTERING INTER-ARAB COOPERATION IN THE PEACE PROCESS ('ARAFAT, IN CONTRAST, IS SELDOM MENTIONED BY NAME, ALTHOUGH THE RENEWAL OF HIGH LEVEL GOJ-PLO DIALOGUE IS UNIVERSALLY LAUDED);

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-- PEACE PROCESS CONSULTATION AMONG THE ARAB STATES-- AIMED AT CONVENING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE--WILL CONTINUE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE NOVEMBER 12 ALGIERS PNC.

HUSSEIN: TALKS ENHANCED "PAN-ARAB ACTION"

4. (U) NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWED THE TRIPARTITE TALKS IN AQABA, BUT KING HUSSEIN ISSUED A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE PETRA NEWS AGENCY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE TALKS HAD BOLSTERED "THE SPECIAL, DISTINGUISHED JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONSHIP," AND MADE "A GOOD CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ENHANCING PAN-ARAB ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S HEROIC STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR NATIONAL AND LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVES." THE

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STATEMENT ECHOED HUSSEIN'S FAMILIAR CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE (UNDER UN AUSPICES, AND INCLUDING THE FIVE PERMS AND ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PLO), AND EMPHASIZED THE PLO'S "LEADING ROLE IN ATTAINING A JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT BECAUSE THE PALESTINE QUESTION CONSTITUTES THE CORE OF THE CONFLICT."

MUBARAK AND AL-BAZ: HINTS OF SUBSTANCE, MESSAGE TO ISRAEL

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5. (U) SPEAKING AFTER HIS RETURN TO CAIRO, PRESIDENT MUBARAK CAME CLOSEST TO REVEALING DETAILS OF THE AQABA TALKS. EMPHASIZING THE "VERY GOOD ATMOSPHERE" WHICH PREVAILED BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND THE PLO CHAIRMAN, HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "ABU 'AMMAR SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR ... OF A CONFEDERATION WITH JORDAN." WHILE LOCALLY REPORTED EXCERPTS OF HIS REMARKS DO NOT SPECIFY THE KING'S RESPONSE TO THAT PROPOSAL, THE EGYPTIAN LEADER NOTED THAT "KING HUSSEIN SAID HE WILL COOPERATE...FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LAND AND THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE." MUBARAK IS QUOTED IN LOCAL MEDIA AS DENYING THAT THE AQABA MEETING WAS CALCULATED EITHER TO HELP PERES OR TO HURT SHAMIR IN THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS, BUT PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR 'OSAMA AL-BAZ DREW AN ELECTORAL MESSAGE FROM THE VISIT: "WE WANT THE ISRAELI VOTER, WHETHER ARAB OR JEW, TO UNDERSTAND WHERE HIS SPECIFIC INTEREST LIES. ...LET HIM KNOW WHEN HE CASTS HIS VOTE THAT THERE IS AN ARAB PARTNER READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS."

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6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY PERCEIVED SUBSTANTIVE CONSEQUENCE, THE JORDANIAN MEDIA HAVE FASTENED ON THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING IN AQABA. THE TONE OF LOCAL NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MEETING ALSO UNDERSCORES THE SENSITIVITY OF RENEWED HIGH LEVEL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE PLO, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE TWO SIDES ACTUALLY SAY TO EACH OTHER. MOREOVER, JORDAN'S MEDIA ARE FULL OF REPORTS ON THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS (MANY LIFTED DIRECTLY FROM THE ISRAELI PRESS), BUT LOCAL REPORTAGE MAKES NO MENTION OF A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE AQABA TALKS AND THE IMMINENT ISRAELI ELECTIONS. THERE IS SPECULATION, HOWEVER, THAT THE VISIT WAS ORCHESTRATED BY MUBARAK AT THE REQUEST OF PERES TO HELP LABOR AT THE POLLS.

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1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE DESCRIBES THE
ABOVE-TITLED STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WEST
BANK AND GAZA WHICH WAS RELEASED OCTOBER 18 IN
JERUSALEM. THE AUTHOR, CARMEL SHALEV, IS AN
ISRAELI LAWYER WHO TEACHES AT TEL AVIV
UNIVERSITY. WE ARE POUCHING COPY OF THE STUDY,
WHICH IS SIXTY PAGES LONG, TO NEA/IAI AND HA.

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THE WEST BANK DATABASE PROJECT HAS RELEASED A
REPORT ON CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE INTIFADA.
THE REPORT, WRITTEN FOR THE PROJECT BY CARMEL
SHALEV, COVERS THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1987-
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COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL,
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MILITARY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
TERRITORIES UNDER INTIFADA NOW BEING PREPARED BY
THE PROJECT FOR ITS 1988 ANNUAL REPORT. THE
REPORT SHOWS A HORRIFYING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
OF CIVIL RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS AS A RESULT OF
MEASURES TAKEN BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN THEIR

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ATTEMPT TO QUELL THE CIVILIAN UPRISING. THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL ACTS OF GOVERNMENT (LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL) THAT LEGITIMATE THESE INFRINGEMENTS AND AMOUNT TO A QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE INHABITANTS.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION COMPELLED US TO RELEASE THE FINDINGS SEPARATELY, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ENTIRE 1988 SURVEY.

THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. OVER 250 PALESTINIAN DEATH CASUALTIES, COMPARED TO 8 IN 1986 AND 22 IN 1987; 2,500 ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION ORDERS, COMPARED TO 37 IN 1986 AND 62 IN 1987; OVER 5,000 INJURED; OVER 18,000 ARRESTS. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN UNDER CURFEWS AND CLOSURES AT DIFFERENT TIMES INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TOTAL CLOSURE OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORIES FOR 3 DAYS IN MARCH AND AGAIN FOR 4 DAYS IN APRIL.

THE QUALITATIVE CHANGE IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE IDF BEATING POLICY, INTRODUCED IN JANUARY; STRINGENT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION, AS WELL AS CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MINORS; NEW MEASURES OF COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT, INCLUDING THE SEVERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS; AND A PERVASIVE SYSTEM OF BUREAUCRATIC HARASSMENT BY THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION (WITH RESPECT TO TAX ENFORCEMENT, UTILITY PAYMENTS, LICENSE RENEWAL, ID CARDS, EMPLOYMENT IN ISRAEL, AND HEALTH COVERAGE) DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE DEPENDENCY OF THE POPULATION ON ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AND PREEMPT A BOYCOTT ON THEIR SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, THE DYNAMIC OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN ISRAELI SETTLERS AND THE LOCAL ARAB INHABITANTS HAS CONTINUED TO ESCALATE, FINDING EXPRESSION IN VANDALISM AND KILLINGS BY SETTLERS IN THE WAY OF RETALIATION. THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY ALARMING EVIDENCE OF THE APPLICATION OF A DOUBLE STANDARD OF JUSTICE BY MILITARY AND CIVIL COURTS. FOR MERE COMPARISON OF EXTREMITIES, MOUNIRA DAOUD, A 22 YEAR OLD WOMAN INVOLVED IN STONE THROWING IN THE BEITA CLASH BETWEEN

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ISRAELI HIKERS AND LOCAL VILLAGERS THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF 2 YOUNG PALESTINIAN MEN AND A 15 YEAR OLD ISRAELI GIRL, WAS ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY, DETAINED PENDING TRIAL FOR 5 MONTHS, AND THEN SENTENCED BY THE NABLUS MILITARY COURT TO AN ADDITIONAL 4 MONTHS OF IMPRISONMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, PINHAS WALLERSTEIN, HEAD OF THE SAMARIA REGIONAL COUNCIL, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE JANUARY SHOOTING TO DEATH OF A 17 YEAR OLD FLEEING FROM A ROAD BLOCK AND CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN THE JERUSALEM DISTRICT COURT IN AUGUST, WAS RELEASED ON ONGOING BAIL THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PERIOD.

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DISCREPANCY BETWEEN OFFICIAL POLICY GUIDELINES AND THEIR ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION BY SECURITY FORCES IN THE FIELD. THE CONSTANT FLOW OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT EXCESSIVE BRUTALITY INDICATES THAT SUCH EXCESSES HAVE BECOME AN ACTUAL NORM OF BEHAVIOR.

THE SEVERE MEASURES TAKEN BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES MUST BE EVALUATED WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF EFFERVESCENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES, EVEN WHERE THERE IS A TENDENCY TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "SECURITY" TO BLUR TERRORIST AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY. THE CYCLE OF THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION AND THE INCREASING VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS CALLS CLEARLY FOR SOME KIND OF POLITICAL SOLUTION BEYOND THE SCOPE AND CAPACITY OF MERE LAW AND ORDER ENFORCEMENT. END PRESS RELEASE.
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1. (LOU) SUMMARY. APPROXIMATELY 23 GAZANS AND THREE ISRAELI MILITARY WERE WOUNDED IN INTIFADA VIOLENCE IN THE PERIOD. NO ONE WAS KILLED. THERE WERE TWO GENERAL STRIKES, WHICH THE IDF ANTICIPATED BY IMPOSING CURFEWS ON WIDESPREAD AREAS. LIKUD-SPONSORED BUSES OF ISRAELIS ENTERED GAZA OCT 19 TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST GIVING UP GAZA, BUT THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. RECENT HAND GRENADE ATTACKS IN GAZA AND ASSASSINATIONS OF "COLLABORATORS," AS WELL AS PLO STATEMENTS ON USE OF ARMS, HAVE PROMPTED STRONG REACTION FROM PM SHAMIR AND DEFMIN RABIN, BUT OPINION IS THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN TACTICS OF INTIFADA VIOLENCE IS NOT LIKELY. END SUMMARY

2. (U) APPROXIMATELY 23 WOUNDED:

-- ON OCT 13, A 10 YEAR OLD BOY (PLACE OF RESIDENCE
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NOT IDENTIFIED) WAS HIT IN THE CHEST WITH A PLASTIC BULLET; A 15 YEAR OLD FROM BAIT LAHYA WAS WOUNDED.

-- ON OCT 14 AND 15, FIVE GAZANS WERE WOUNDED: TWO FROM RAFAH WERE HIT BY PLASTIC BULLETS WHEN IDF

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FORCES DISPERSED ABOUT 100 STONE-THROWING YOUTH;
TWO FROM AL-NASIR NEIGHBORHOOD OF GAZA CITY AND ONE
FROM NUSAIRAT REFUGEE CAMP WERE WOUNDED.

-- ON OCT 16, A YOUTH FROM KHAN YUNIS WAS SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED IN THE EYE WITH A RUBBER BULLET, AND A 16
YEAR OLD FROM SHATI CAMP AND A 14 YEAR OLD FROM
RAFAH WERE WOUNDED.

-- ON OCT 17, BETWEEN EIGHT AND ELEVEN YOUTHS WERE
WOUNDED (REPORTS DIFFER): FOUR WERE WOUNDED IN
RAFAH, THREE IN SHATI CAMP, AND ONE IN KHAN YUNIS.

-- ON OCT 18, A 17 YEAR OLD, REPORTED TO HAVE
INCITED STUDENTS TO LAUNCH DEMONSTRATIONS, WAS
WOUNDED IN NUSAIRAT CAMP.

-- ON OCT 19, A 16 YEAR OLD FROM GAZA CITY WAS
REPORTED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

3. (U) TWO IDF SOLDIERS AND ONE BORDER POLICEMAN
WOUNDED:

-- ON OCT 15, TWO IDF SOLDIERS WERE HIT BY STONES
AND SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN AL-NASIR NEIGHBORHOOD OF
GAZA CITY.

-- ALSO ON OCT 15, A BORDER POLICEMAN SUFFERED A
BROKEN HAND IN A STONE-THROWING INCIDENT IN BURAIJ
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CAMP.

4. (U) NONE KILLED:

-- FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN A ROW, NO ONE WAS
REPORTED KILLED IN DIRECTLY INTIFADA-RELATED
VIOLENCE.

5. (U) GENERAL STRIKES:

-- LIKE THE WEST BANK, GAZA OBSERVED GENERAL
STRIKES OCT 14 AND 19, CALLED BY THE UNIFIED
LEADERSHIP AND THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE (HAMAS).

-- THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS THAT A STRIKE HAS
BEEN CALLED FOR OCT 24.

-- A STRIKE IS SET FOR OCT 26.

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6. (U) CURFEWS:

-- THE IDF CONTINUES ITS NEWLY-INTRODUCED PRACTICE OF ATTEMPTING TO PREEMPT VIOLENCE ON STRIKE DAYS BY IMPOSING WIDESPREAD CURFEWS. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE OCT 19 GENERAL STRIKE, THE IDF PLACED CURFEWS ON NINE GAZA CAMPS AND TOWNS.

7. LIKUD BUSES "TOUR" GAZA:

-- ON OCT 19, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SOME 50 BUSES, SPONSORED BY THE LIKUD PARTY, CARRYING ISRAELIS, ENTERED GAZA TO BACK DEMANDS THAT ISRAEL HOLD ON TO GAZA. ALTHOUGH THE BUSES AVOIDED THE CENTER OF GAZA CITY, THEY REPORTEDLY STOPPED AT AN AREA UNDER CURFEW, ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE

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CITY. THERE WERE APPARENTLY NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST ONE OF THE BUS PASSENGERS IS SAID TO HAVE BEHAVED PROVOCATIVELY.

8. [REDACTED] CHANGE IN INTIFADA TACTICS?

-- RECENT HAND GRENADE ATTACKS IN GAZA, THE USE OF FIREARMS IN ASSASSINATIONS OF "COLLABORATORS," AND PROVOCATIVE PLO STATEMENTS ABOUT THE USE OF ARMS IN THE CASE OF A LIKUD VICTORY, HAVE RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER INTIFADA VIOLENCE IS HEADED INTO A NEW PHASE. ON OCT 16, PM SHAMIR SAID NO ARABS WOULD SURVIVE IF THEY RESORTED TO FIREARMS. ON THE SAME DAY, DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN SAID ARMS WOULD BE MET WITH ARMS. HOWEVER, RABIN SAID THERE HAD NOT BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF FIREARMS, A THEME ECHOED BY IDF CHIEF OF STAFF SHOMRON.

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-- IN RECENT EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS, TWO GAZA SOURCES ALSO DOUBTED THAT RECENT GAZA HAND-GRENADE ATTACKS WERE ANY MORE THAN ISOLATED INCIDENTS. PICKERING

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2. SUMMARY: 18 DAYS TO THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS. CAMPAIGN EVENTS ARE NOW A DAILY PHENOMENON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND TELEVISION/RADIO ELECTION BROADCASTS ARE GETTING NASTIER. KEY LIKUD CAMPAIGN LEADERS WE SPOKE TO IN THE LAST WEEK BELIEVED THE ODDS FAVORED LIKUD EMERGING AS THE LARGEST PARTY, WHILE THEIR LABOR COUNTERPARTS TOLD US THEY SAW THE ELECTION ENDING IN A DEAD HEAT. TWO TELEPHONE-BASED SURVEYS GAVE LABOR A LEAD OVER LIKUD AND AN EDGE IN FORMING A GOVERNMENT. BUT IT IS STILL TOO DIFFICULT TO CALL THIS ELECTION. THERE ARE TOO MANY UNKNOWN: WHETHER KAHANE'S KACH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, WHICH WOULD

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BENEFIT LIKUD; WHICH WAY THE MANY UNDECIDED VOTERS WILL GO; WHETHER VOTERS ATTRACTED BY THE SMALLER PARTIES WILL "RETURN HOME" TO LABOR AND LIKUD; THE UNCERTAIN SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE; AND THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE AMONG THE

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RELIGIOUS PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

ASSESSMENTS

3. LIKUD: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION CO-DIRECTOR RONI MILO CONTINUED TO BE HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC LIKUD WOULD GAIN MORE SEATS THAN LABOR, WITH LIKUD HAVING A POTENTIAL WIN OF 48 SEATS. HE ALSO BELIEVED THE RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOC WOULD EMERGE LARGER THAN THE LEFT BLOC. CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION CO-DIRECTOR YITZHAK MODAI ALSO FELT GOOD ABOUT LIKUD'S PROSPECTS BUT, IN CONTRAST, FELT NO ONE COULD CALL THE ELECTION RESULTS AT THIS POINT.

4. LABOR: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION DIRECTOR ZVILI SAW NN BASIC SHIFT IN THE OVERALL ELECTORAL PICTURE AND BELIEVED THE RACE BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR WOULD END IN A "TIE." HE DID NOT BELIEVE LABOR WOULD MAKE REAL INROADS AMONG THE HEAVILY LIKUD-VOTING SEPHARDIM (JEWS OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ORIGIN).

5. LABOR: ENERGY MINISTER SHAHAL, WHO HAS TITULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HAIFA REGION IN THE CAMPAIGN, ASSESSED THAT LABOR AND THE OTHER ANTI-LIKUD PARTIES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WIN A "BLOCKING MAJORITY" OF 61 KNESSET SEATS. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT IF LABOR EMERGED AS THE LARGEST PARTY IT MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO FORM A NARROW COALITION WITHOUT LIKUD BY WINNING THE SUPPORT OF SOME OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES DURING

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THE COALITION FORMATION PROCESS. (SHAHAL ALSO SAID SHARON TOLD HIM HE EXPECTED THE ELECTION TO RESULT IN A STANDOFF AND THERE TO BE NO ALTERNATIVE TO FORMING ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.)

THE ARAB VOTE

6. SHAHAL FELT LABOR'S PROSPECTS FOR HOLDING ON TO ITS 1984 SHARE OF THE ARAB VOTES (WHICH GAVE IT 3 PLUS SEATS) HAD IMPROVED IN RECENT WEEKS. IN CONTRAST, LABOR KNESSET CANDIDATE YOSSI BEILIN, WHO IS HANDLING RESEARCH FOR THE CAMPAIGN HQ, HAD NO INFORMATION SUGGESTING A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER FOR THE PARTY AMONG ISRAELI ARABS. (MOST OF OUR LABOR CONTACTS BELIEVE IT WILL GAIN NO MORE THAN THE EQUIVALENT OF 2 SEATS FROM THE ISRAELI ARABS).

7. MK ABD AL WAHAB DAROUSHE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS DEMOCRATIC ARAB PARTY'S CHANCES, NOTING THAT IT

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ALREADY HAD ALMOST 10,000 MEMBERS. HE EXPECTED THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE TO DELIVER ABOUT 13 SEATS TO THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:

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| HADASH (COMMUNISTS) | 5 |
| PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE | 2 MINUS |
| LABOR | 2 |
| DAROUSHE | 2 |
| LIKUD | 1 |
| CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT | .5 |
| MAPAM | .5 |

8. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE DAROUSHE WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME GETTING OVER THE 1 PERCENT THRESHOLD AND WIN A SEAT. HADASH, PLP AND CRM MAY DO

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BETTER AND LIKUD LESS WELL AMONG ARAB VOTERS THAN HE SUGGESTED.

9. PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE KNESSET CANDIDATE RIAH AL ASAL ASSERTED TO US HIS PARTY WOULD DO WELL IN THE ELECTION, PICKING UP MANY OF THE 20,000 VOTES HE EXPECTED TO BE LOST BY LABOR. HE ARGUED THAT NEITHER HADASH NOR DAROUSHE WOULD BENEFIT FROM DEFECTIONS FROM LABOR. DAROUSHE WOULD NOT MAKE IT PAST THE 1 PERCENT THRESHOLD, HE CLAIMED. ASAL SAID ANOTHER PLUS FOR THE PLP WOULD BE THE VOTES OF ISLAMICS WHO WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION.

THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES

10. THE STRUGGLE AMONG THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES HAS

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INTENSIFIED. THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY (NRP) IS SET TO STEP UP ITS ATTACKS ON THE MORE MODERATE MEMAD. MEMAD SEEMS LIKELY TO WIN A SEAT, HOWEVER, WHILE THE NRP MAY NOT WIN MORE THAN FOUR SEATS (DOWN FROM ITS CURRENT FIVE). NRP HAS DECIDED AGAINST CONCLUDING A SURPLUS VOTES AGREEMENT WITH EITHER RIVAL MEMAD OR THE NON-ZIONIST AGUDAT ISRAEL.

11. AGUDAT ISRAEL IS BATTLING THE NEW DEGEL HATORAH (TORAH FLAG) PARTY FOR THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX NON-ZIONIST ASHKENAZI (JEWS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ORIGIN) VOTE. FOR ITS PART, SHAS IS SEEKING TO PREVENT EROSIONS IN ITS PRIMARILY SEPHARDI CONSTITUENCY. RABBINICAL ENDORSEMENTS ARE THE KEY FACTOR IN DETERMINING THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX VOTE. RABBI SHACH IS THE SPONSOR AND PATRON OF SHAS AND DEGEL HATORAH, WHILE THE LUBAVITCHER AND GUR RABBIS ARE BACKING AGUDA. THESE RABBIS HAVE BEEN FEUDING FOR DECADES AND THEIR FIGHT HAS NOW TAKEN ON A POLITICAL DIMENSION.

12. AGUDA MK PORUSH BELIEVES HIS PARTY WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD ON TO ITS TWO SEATS. HIS ASSESSMENT WAS SHARED BY SHAS' KNESSET FACTION SECRETARY JACOBSON, WHO SAW THE FOLLOWING ELECTORAL OUTCOME IN THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX SECTOR: SHAS - 4; DEGEL HATORAH - 2; AND AGUDAT ISRAEL - 2 TO 3. LIKUD'S PONI MILO ALSO

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EXPECTED DEGEL HATORAH TO WIN 2 SEATS. THE IMPRESSIVE SHOWING OF DEGEL HATORAH'S FOUNDING MEETING, WHICH DREW THOUSANDS OF SHACH ADHERENTS, CONVINCED US THE NEW PARTY IS LIKELY TO WIN AT LEAST A SEAT. ALTHOUGH MILO ASSFRTED DEGEL HATORAH LIST LEADER RABBI RAVITZ IS CLOSE TO LIKUD, JACOBSON ASSERTED RAVITZ SHARES SHACH'S ESSENTIALLY DOVISH

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OUTLOOK AND WOULD CERTAINLY FOLLOW SHACH'S LEAD. RAVITZ HAS ALSO PUBLICLY STATED THAT "EVERYTHING IS OPEN" REGARDING LIKUD OR LABOR AS COALITION PARTNERS.

THE CAMPAIGN

13. THE PARTIES ARE NOW HOLDING DAILY CAMPAIGN EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A SHAMIR-PERES TELEVISION DEBATE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 23. MEANWHILE, TELEVISION AND RADIO ELECTION BROADCASTS ARE GETTING NASTIER. LABOR AND LIKUD CONTINUE TO TRADE CHARGES OVER THE DISRUPTION OF SEVERAL LABOR CAMPAIGN EVENTS. LABOR IS FOCUSING ITS TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCASTS ON THE PERES/RABIN DUO AND ITS "NEW FACES," WHICH HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE MINISTERS BEING KEPT OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT. LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN, RUN BY ARENS, HAS ALSO IRRITATED OTHER SENIOR LIKUD MINISTERS. ONLY IN THE LAST DAY HAS LIKUD BEEN SHARING THE SPOTLIGHT ON SHAMIR AND THE "LIKUD PRINCES" OF THE SHAMIR-ARENS CAMP WITH DAVID LEVY AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEVY AND SHARON CAMPS. SHARON'S TRIP TO HUNGARY AT A CRITICAL POINT IN THE CAMPAIGN WAS CLEARLY A SIGN OF PIQUE THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN LIKUD'S REBUTTAL OF THE SECURITY PROPOSAL OF LABOR'S GENERALS OR GIVEN A ROLE IN LIKUD'S BROADCASTS.

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14. NEXT WEEK THE SUPREME COURT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION ON KAHANE'S APPEAL AGAINST THE KNESSET CENTRAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE'S DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS KACH PARTY. IF KACH IS NOT ALLOWED TO RUN, MOST OF HIS SUPPORTERS ARE LIKELY TO OPT FOR LIKUD, WHICH

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COULD GIVE IT ANOTHER 1-2 SEATS.

15. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF UNDECIDED VOTERS. LABOR AND LIKUD TO A LESSER DEGREE ARE FOCUSING THEIR CAMPAIGNS ON THESE VOTERS. LABOR IS FOLLOWING UP ON ITS TELEPHONE PROJECT TO IDENTIFY THE FLOATING VOTER WITH HOME VISITS PUT LACK OF VOLUNTEERS -- PARTICULARLY IN THE KEY TEL AVIV REGION -- MAKE IT UNLIKELY IT WILL REACH MORE THAN 4 PERCENT OF ITS 130,000 TARGET HOUSEHOLDS. LIKUD HAS NOTHING TO COMPETE WITH THIS LABOR EFFORT AND SEEMS ALSO TO BE SHORT ON VOLUNTEERS. IN ADDITION, AS ELECTION DAY APPROACHES, VOTERS WHO HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SMALLER PARTIES MAY (AS IN THE PAST) "RETURN HOME" TO THE TWO BIG PARTIES.

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16. THERE ARE WILDCARDS WHICH COULD OCCUR FROM NOW TO ELECTION DAY. THE MOST OBVIOUS WOULD BE A TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISRAEL; A BLOODY CONFRONTATION IN THE TERRITORIES INVOLVING IDF/ARABS/SETTLERS; A PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH DECLARES AN INDEPENDENT STATE/GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE; OR A DRAMATIC ECONOMIC EVENT, SUCH AS A COURT-ORDERED BREAK-UP OF THE LARGE AND FINANCIALLY PLAGUED KOOR INDUSTRIES.

POLLS

17. TELESEKER SURVEYED 1,000 JEWISH ISRAELIS AND CONDUCTED A SEPARATE SURVEY OF ISRAELI ARABS BY TELEPHONE OVER OCT. 6-10 (FBIS TA 1410104488). ACCORDING TO ITS FINDINGS, LABOR WOULD WIN MORE SEATS THAN LIKUD (44-38) AND THERE WOULD BE A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A LIKUD-LED NARROW GOVERNMENT. RESULTS FOLLOW:

| PARTY | SEATS |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| LABOR | 44 |
| MAPAM | 2 |
| CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT | 7 |
| CENTER-SHINUI | 2 |
| ZIONIST CENTER/LEFT PARTIES SUBTOTAL | 55 |

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| HADASH (COMMUNISTS) | 4 |
| PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE | 2 |
| DAROUSHE | 2 |
| NON-ZIONIST LEFT PARTIES SUBTOTAL | 8 |

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| LIKUD | 38 |
| TEHIYA | 6 |

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| TZOMET | 1 |
| MOLEDET | 1 |
| KACH | 1 |
| RIGHT PARTIES SUBTOTAL | 47 |

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| NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY | 5 |
| SHAS | 2 |
| ULTRAORTHODOX PARTIES | 2 |

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RELIGIOUS PARTIES SUBTOTAL 10

18. MAARIV NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED A TELEPHONE SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST WEEK BY THE UNKNOWN BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION. NO INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON ITS SAMPLE. THE POLL RESULTS SHOWED LABOR WOULD WIN MORE SEATS THAN LIKUD (43-38), WITH THE BLOCS ABOUT EVEN.

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YASSER 'ARAFAT PAID A SURPRISE VISIT TO JORDAN ON
OCTOBER 22. THE VISIT MARKED THE PLO LEADER'S FIRST
STOP IN JORDAN SINCE THE AMMAN SUMMIT LATE LAST YEAR.
KING HUSSEIN RECEIVED THE TWO VISITORS IN JORDAN'S
SEAPORT CITY OF AQABA, AND THE THREE REPORTEDLY HELD
FOUR SESSIONS OF TALKS WHICH STRETCHED FROM EARLY
MORNING OCTOBER 22 UNTIL LATE INTO THE NIGHT.

TALKS CENTER ON PNC AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL MEDIA REPORTS, THE
AQABA TALKS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON HOW TO PROMOTE THE
CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST
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PEACE. THEY REPORTEDLY ALSO DISCUSSED THE PLO'S
INTENTION OF DECLARING AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE
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OF CONFEDERATION BETWEEN SUCH AN ENTITY AND JORDAN. DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, AND NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BEFORE MUBARAK AND 'ARAFAT DEPARTED FOR BAGHDAD EARLY ON OCTOBER 23.

SUPPORTING CAST

3. 'ARAFAT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HANI AL-HASAN, MAHMOUD 'ABBAS, 'ABDUL RAZZAK AL-YAHYA AND MOHAMMAD MILHEM. MUBARAK BROUGHT WITH HIM ADVISOR OSAMA AL-BAZ, FOREIGN MINISTER 'ISMAT 'ABD AL-MEGUID AND PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY-GENERAL ZAKARIA AZMI, AND WAS JOINED IN AQABA BY EGYPT'S AMBASSADOR IN AMMAN. THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER ZAID RIFA'I, ROYAL COURT CHIEF MARWAN AL-KASEM, COURT MINISTER 'ADNAN ABU 'ODEH AND FOREIGN MINISTER TAHER MASRI.

LOCAL MEDIA ENTHUSIASTIC OVER VISIT

4. JORDANIAN MEDIA HAVE UNANIMOUSLY WELCOMED THE AQABA TALKS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF "JOINT ARAB ACTION, WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE FOR ACTIVATING THE PEACE PROCESS," (AL-RA'Y) AND WARMLY PRAISE MUBARAK FOR FOSTERING THE VISIT. PERSONAL PLAUDITS ARE NOTICEABLY LACKING FROM COMMENTARY ON 'ARAFAT, ALTHOUGH THE LONG-AWAITED REVIVAL OF TOP LEVEL GOJ-PLO CONTACT IS WELCOMED.

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5. THE OCTOBER 23 EDITORIAL IN SAWT ASH-SHA'AB (SEMI-OFFICIAL ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY) TYPIFIED THE TONE OF LOCAL REACTION. IT PRAISED THE PRINCIPLE OF "DIRECT DIALOGUE AMONG ARAB LEADERS" AND WARMLY LAUDED THE "GENUINE ARAB SENTIMENTS" OF MUBARAK. ECHOING THE GOJ LINE SINCE THE JULY 31 DECISION TO DISSOLVE THE "LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LINKS" BETWEEN THE TWO BANKS, THE PAPER EXPRESSED JORDAN'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THE PLO "ON SOUND BASES THAT WOULD BE DEVOID OF ANY DOUBTS AND THAT WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY DISTRUST AND ILLUSIONS." AL'RA'Y (ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY), IN ITS OCTOBER 23 EDITORIAL, DESCRIBED THE AQABA TALKS AS A MESSAGE OF ARAB SUPPORT TO "THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLERS," AND "AN AFFIRMATION OF JORDAN'S

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DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO EXERT EFFORTS TO BACK THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE...."

'ABD AL-MEGUID: AQABA TALKS "GOOD AND REASSURING"

6. 'ABD AL-MEGUID IS SO FAR THE ONLY MAJOR FIGURE TO
COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THE VISIT. ACCORDING TO AL-DUSTUR
(ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY), HE DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS "AN
IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE MOVE TOWARD PEACE" AND A
CONTINUATION OF MUBARAK'S ONGOING EFFORT TO FOSTER
JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN COOPERATION ON THE PEACE PROCESS.
HE REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS AS
"GOOD AND REASSURING." A BBC REPORT ALSO QUOTED 'ABD
AL-MEGUID AS SAYING THAT THE MEETING WAS IMPORTANT
BECAUSE IT SHOWED THE ISRAELIS THAT THERE IS AN ARAB
PARTNER READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

7. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SUDDARTH

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2. SUMMARY: THE RACE IS A CLOSE ONE AND THE ELECTION OUTCOME MAY HINGE ON A HANDFUL OF SEATS, ACCORDING TO OUR LIKUD AND LABOR CONTACTS. MOST POLLS ALSO REPORT LABOR AND LIKUD RUNNING WITHIN SEATS OF EACH OTHER, WITH NEITHER EASILY ABLE TO FORM A NARROW COALITION. ONE SURVEY, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO SUGGEST A SUBSTANTIAL LIKUD LEAD OVER LABOR AND A RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOC MAJORITY. BUT THE POLL RESULTS HAVE TO BE QUALIFIED BY CRITICAL UNKNOWNNS: WHICH PARTY THE WAVERING "UNDECIDED VOTER" WILL OPT FOR; WHETHER THE GAINS THE SMALL RIGHT AND LEFT PARTIES SEEM TO HAVE MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TWO LARGE PARTIES WILL HOLD ON ELECTION DAY; HOW MANY VOTES WILL GO TO NEW PARTIES WHICH FAIL TO MAKE THE MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR A KNESSET SEAT; WHICH PARTY KACH

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SUPPORTERS WILL VOTE FOR SINCE THEIR PARTY HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED FROM RUNNING; AND THE TURNOUT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARAB VOTE WHICH WILL GO MOSTLY TO ANTI-LIKUD PARTIES. LIKUD ALSO CONTINUES TO RETAIN SOLID DEMOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGES FROM ITS HEAVY SUPPORT

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OF SEPHARDIM (JEWS OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ORIGIN) AND FIRST-TIME VOTERS. THE PUBLIC CONTINUES TO BE MORE APATHETIC THAN EXCITED BY THE CAMPAIGN. THE ELECTORAL IMPACT OF THE SUICIDE CAR-BOMBING IN THE SOUTHERN LEBANON SECURITY ZONE WHICH LEFT 8 IDF DEAD REMAINS UNCERTAIN. HUSSEIN'S INTERVIEW SUGGESTING THERE WOULD BE A JORDANIAN- PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATING PARTNER FOR PERES WAS A HELPFUL BUTTRESS FOR LABOR'S PEACE LINE. END SUMMARY.

DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE WEEK

3. PERES AND RABIN TOOK THE CAMPAIGN INITIATIVE EARLY THIS WEEK WITH PRESENTATION OF LABOR'S 4-YEAR PROGRAM IF IT LEADS THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. LABOR WAS PLEASED WITH THE IMAGE PUT BEFORE THE ELECTORATE OF THE PERES-RABIN DUO WITH SOLUTIONS. PERES CONTINUES TO BE THE CORNERSTONE OF LABOR'S TELEVISION CAMPAIGN. HE WILL EITHER TAKE THE CREDIT OR THE LUMPS FOR THE ELECTION OUTCOME.

4. THE SUPREME COURT'S UPHOLDING OF THE DISQUALIFICATION OF KACH RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHERE ITS SUPPORTERS WOULD GO. KAHANE CALLED ON HIS BACKERS TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTION OR "PUNISH LIKUD," BUT WE THINK MOST KACH SUPPORTERS WILL VOTE. SEVERAL POLLS SUGGEST HALF KACH'S SUPPORTERS WILL OPT FOR TEHIYA, MOLEDET AND TZOMET; A THIRD TO LIKUD; AND A SMALL

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NUMBER TO THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES.

5. FOCUS SHIFTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK TO THE EXPLOSION OF THE BOOBY-TRAPPED VEHICLE IN THE SECURITY ZONE WHICH TOOK THE LIVES OF SEVEN IDF SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED OTHERS, AND THE PROMISE OF RETALIATION FROM SHAMIR, RABIN AND PERES. ALTHOUGH THE ELECTORAL EFFECT OF THE SUICIDE BOMBING IS UNCERTAIN, IT PROBABLY STRENGTHENS THE VIEWS OF THOSE INCLINED TO PARTIES DISTRUSTING "THE ARABS" AND THEIR INTENTIONS.

6. A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR LABOR WAS THE INTERVIEW WITH HUSSEIN, IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED THAT A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATING OPTION EXISTS IF PERES LEADS THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. SHAMIR CALLED THE KING'S STATEMENT "CRASS INTERVENTION" AND SOME HAVE SUGGESTED THERE MAY BE A BACKLASH AGAINST PERES.

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BELIEVE, HOWEVER, HUSSEIN HAS GIVEN LABOUR'S PEACE MESSAGE A NECESSARY SHOT IN THE ARM AND UNDERCUT LIKUD'S ASSERTION THAT THERE IS NO ARAB PARTNER.

ASSESSMENTS

7. LIKUD: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION CO-DIRECTOR (MINISTER OF FINANCE) NISSIM TOLD US LIKUD WOULD GET 2-3 SEATS MORE THAN LABOR AND HAVE 62-63 SEATS FOR A RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION. BUT HE PREFERRED ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ROTATION, RATHER THAN A NARROW COALITION WITH THE SMALL RIGHTWING PARTIES. HE EXPECTED COALITION TALKS WITH LABOR OVER A NUG COULD TAKE 1-2 MONTHS.

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8. PARTY INFORMATION DEPT. HEAD RIANI ALSO DID NOT THINK THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN A 2-3 SEAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR. HE TOLD US THE BEST LIKUD WOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE WOULD BE TO LEAD A NUG WITHOUT ROTATION.

9. LABOR: POLITICAL CONSULTANT KRASSNY CONTINUED TO FORECAST A TIE BETWEEN LABOR AND LIKUD, WITH ANOTHER NUG THE LIKELY OUTCOME. HE RULED OUT THE PRACTICALITY OF A LABOR-LED MINORITY GOVERNMENT. HE WAS CONCERNED NEW PARTIES LIKE THE PENSIONERS AND MA'AS COULD LOSE LABOR CRITICAL VOTES.

POLLS

10. FIVE SURVEYS (REFS) APPEARED IN THE OCT. 21 PRESS, ALMOST ALL SUGGESTING LABOR AND LIKUD WERE WITHIN A SEAT OR TWO OF EACH OTHER AND THAT THE BLOCS WERE ABOUT EVEN. ONE POLL, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED A
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SEVEN SEAT LIKUD LEAD OVER LABOR AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A RIGHT/RELIGIOUS MAJORITY. (SEE SEPTTEL FOR ANALYSIS OF THE POLLS.) THE MOST CONSISTENT FACTOR IN ALL THE SURVEYS WAS THE CONTINUED HOLD OF SMALL RIGHT AND LEFT PARTIES ON GAINS THEY SEEM TO HAVE HAD MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF LABOR AND LIKUD. SO FAR, NO SIGN OF A "RETURN HOME" TO THE BIG PARTIES.

FLOATING VOTE

11. THIS CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE GREAT UNKNOWNNS OF THE ELECTION. WE HAVE HEARD FROM POLLSTERS FIGURES OF UNCERTAIN VOTERS RANGING FROM 4-31 PERCENT. MOST FLOATING VOTERS APPEAR TO BE WAVERING BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR OR WITHIN BLOCS; BUT THERE ARE ALSO HAWKISH RELIGIOUS VOTERS UNCERTAIN WHETHER TO OPT FOR A RELIGIOUS PARTY OR A RIGHTWING PARTY.
DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

12. POLLSTERS HAVE TOLD US THEY SEE NO SHIFT IN THE STRONG SUPPORT OF SEPHARDIM (JEWS OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ORIGIN) AND YOUNG VOTERS FOR LIKUD. MEANWHILE, THE PASSING ON OF OLDER VOTERS HURTS LABOR MUCH MORE THAN LIKUD. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT PLUS FOR THE LIKUD.

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13. MANY OF OUR CONTACTS EXPECT A RISE IN THE
TURNOUT OF ARAB VOTERS. ONE OF THE FACTORS IN THE
HIGHER TURNOUT WILL BE THE PARTICIPATION FOR THE
FIRST TIME OF ISLAMICS. ONE OF OUR SOURCES HEARD
THIS WEEK FROM SHAYKH ABDULLAH DARWISH, ONE OF THE
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MOST INFLUENTIAL ISLAMIC LEADERS, THAT HE WILL URGE
HIS FOLLOWERS (ALLEGED BY HIM TO BE 30,000) TO VOTE
FOR THE PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE (PLP). THE
NON-ZIONIST LEFT HADASH AND PLP WILL LIKELY INCREASE
THEIR SHARE OF THE ARAB VOTE OVER 1984 (WHEN THEY WON
A MAJORITY), WHILE THE ABILITY OF DAROUSHA'S ARAB
DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO CROSS THE 1 PERCENT MINIMUM
THRESHOLD FOR A SEAT REMAINS IN DOUBT. MEANWHILE,
LABOR CONTINUES TO EXPECT A DECREASE IN ITS SHARE OF
ARAB VOTES, WHILE THE SMALL ZIONIST LEFT PARTIES
EXPECT A GAIN.

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2. DURING MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 21 ON OTHER SUBJECTS, PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE LIKUD IN THE NOVEMBER 1 ELECTION. HE DESCRIBED THE CAMPAIGN AS A CIVILIZED ONE, WHICH HAS FORTUNATELY INVOLVED VIRTUALLY NO VIOLENCE. HE FOUND THE ELECTORATE COMPARED TO FOUR YEARS AGO TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE ISSUES AND TO BE INTERESTED IN THE ELECTION PROCESS. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN LESS PROPAGANDA THAN IN OTHER YEARS. IN AN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THE LABOR PARTY'S EFFORT TO SHOW THAT IT CAN ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH JORDAN, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE ELECTORATE "WILL NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE INFLUENCED BY GIMMICKS".

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3. HE SAID FRANKLY THAT HE WAS SKEPTICAL OF THE POLLS AND COULD NOT HIMSELF MAKE A GOOD PREDICTION OF THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME. THE REAL POLITICKING WILL BEGIN AFTER THE ELECTION DURING THE GOVERNMENT FORMATION PROCESS. HE SAID HE REMAINS INCLINED TO

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THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, BUT SAID THAT SUCH A GOVERNMENT MIGHT DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE PRESENT ONE.

4. HE DECLINED TO SAY HOW THE CHARACTER AND STRUCTURE OF SUCH A GOVERNMENT WOULD DIFFER FROM PRESENT ONE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE ROTATION MIGHT NOT BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF A NEW NATINAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. HE REFERRED TO "SURPRISES" IN THIS GOVERNMENT AND CLEARLY INTENDS TO AVOID SUCH DEVELOPMENTS IN A NEW GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO NOTED OBLIQUELY THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO EXCLUDE SOME "PERSONALITIES" (READ PERES) FROM SUCH A GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT FOLLOWED THE RULES.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS IN A BUOYANT MOOD AND EXUDED CONFIDENCE, DESPITE HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO PREDICT A STRONG LIKUD SHOWING.

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ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 1 ELECTIONS. SINCE THE POUCH MAY
NOT REACH YOU BEFORE THE ELECTIONS, HERE ARE
SUMMARIES OF THE MEMCONS.

RONI MILO, LIKUD CAMPAIGN INFORMATION CO-DIRECTOR

3. MILO BELIEVES LIKUD HAS THE POTENTIAL TO WIN
48-50 SEATS. HE SAID THE PARTY IS FOCUSING ITS
EFFORTS ON FLOATING VOTERS AND EMPHASIZING THOSE WHO
MIGHT APPEAL TO THEM -- SHAMIR, NISSIM, AND THE
YOUNGER CANDIDATES. MILO STRESSED THAT WHICHEVER
PARTY WINS MORE SEATS IN THE ELECTION WOULD HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE IN FORMING THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. HE
BELIEVED IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES
TO GO WITH LABOR IF IT WERE LARGER THAN LIKUD. MILO
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PREFERS ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT AND SAID
THAT SHAMIR WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO HAVE RABIN AS
DEFENSE MINISTER THAN ONE OF THE LIKUD ASPIRANTS AND
FELT THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER TO ADVANCE THE PEACE
PROCESS WITH LABOR THAN WITH TEHIYA.

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MOSHE SHAHAL, MINISTER OF ENERGY (LABOR)

4. SHAHAL SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT LABOR WOULD GET A BLOCKING MAJORITY WITH THE NON-ZIONIST LEFT. HE HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT LABOR CAN FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH THE SMALL RELIGIOUS PARTIES. HE THINKS THIS IS POSSIBLE IF LABOR HAS MORE SEATS THAN LIKUD AND THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT THEY DO NOT RULE OUT PARTICIPATION IN A NARROW COALITION WITH LABOR. SHAHAL BELIEVES THAT LABOR WILL GET THE SAME NUMBER OF ARAB VOTES AS IN 1984. HE SAID THAT HE AND MOST OF LABOR WOULD OPPOSE THE PARTY'S PARTICIPATION IN ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT PERES, RABIN, THE HISTADRUT, AND THE KIBBUTZIM AND MOSHAVIM WOULD BE IN FAVOR.

NISSIM ZVILI, LABOR CAMPAIGN INFORMATION DIRECTOR

5 ZVILI PREDICTED THAT THE RACE WOULD END IN A TIE. HE CALLED LABOR'S TELEVISION CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS AND SAID THAT LABOR IS CONCENTRATING ON THE ISSUES OF PEACE, SECURITY, ITS SENIOR LEADERS, AND ITS NEW LEADERS. ZVILI WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN LABOR'S CHANCES WITH SEPHARDI VOTERS IN DEVELOPMENT TOWNS AND POOR URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS BUT PREDICTED "NO REVOLUTION".

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BAYGA SHOHAT, LABOR CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR

6. SHOHAT CHARACTERIZED THE RACE AS "STRANGE" AND THE ELECTORATE AS "APATHETIC". HE SAID THAT LABOR IS FOCUSING ON THE UNDECIDED VOTER, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF VISITING 125,000 HOMES BEFORE THE ELECTION. SHOHAT FELT THAT VOTER APATHY WORKED IN FAVOR OF LABOR SINCE THE LIKUD VOTER REQUIRED MORE EMOTIONAL MOTIVATION TO GO TO THE POLLS. HE FELT THAT LABOR HAD A CHANCE TO PUT TOGETHER A BLOCKING MAJORITY.

MAHMUD ABASI, ISRAELI ARAB AUTHOR AND EDITOR

7. ABASI PREDICTED 270,000 ARABS WOULD VOTE, AN INCREASE OF 100,000 OVER 1984, AND THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE INCREASE WOULD BE THE PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE, DAROUSA'S ARAB DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT. HE PREDICTED THAT LABOR

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WOULD WIN AS MANY ARAB VOTES AS IT DID IN 1984.
ABASI SAID EMOTION, RELATIONSHIPS, AND RELIGION HAD
GREATER INFLUENCE THAN POLICIES AND IDEOLOGY ON THE
ARAB VOTE. HE SAID THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST VOTE
IS NOT MONOLITHIC AND WOULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE PLP,
DAROUSHA, CRM, AND MAPAM.

DAVID EDEN, MAPAM

8. EDEN PREDICTED MAPAM WOULD WIN THREE SEATS. HE
SAID MAPAM'S BIGGEST RIVAL WAS LABOR AND ONE OF THE
PARTY'S PROBLEMS WAS THAT IT HAD BEEN UNDER THE

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ALIGNMENT UMBRELLA SO LONG THAT IT DID NOT HAVE A SHARP IMAGE AMONG THE ELECTORATE. EDEN SAID THAT MAPAM EXPECTS TO BE A PART OF THE GOVERNMENT IF LABOR MANAGES TO FORM A LEFT-OF-CENTER COALITION.

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9. BLUM NOTED THAT CRM LEADERS HAD BEGUN TO TALK ABOUT PORTFOLIOS IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, INDICATING THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF DOING WELL AND LABOR'S ABILITY TO PUT TOGETHER A NARROW GOVERNMENT. SHE HOPED THAT LABOR COULD RESIST TRYING TO BRING THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES INTO THE GOVERNMENT, SAYING THAT SUCH A MOVE COULD PUSH CRM OUT.

NAJIB ABU RAKIAH, CRM KNESSET CANDIDATE

10. ABU RAKIAH, SIXTH ON THE CRM LIST, EXPECTS THE PARTY TO WIN AT LEAST SIX SEATS. HE SAID THE

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POPULARITY OF MK YOSSI SARID WILL WIN CRM 20,000 ARAB VOTES. AS AN MK, ABU RAKIAH SAID HE PLANS TO FIGHT FOR SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY BETWEEN THE ARAB AND JEWISH SECTORS. PICKERING

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2. SUMMARY

THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF LABOR (HISTADRUT) IS BOTH
ISSUE AND ACTOR IN ISRAEL'S ELECTIONS. LIKUD USES
HISTADRUT PROBLEMS AGAINST LABOR, WHILE LABOR DRAWS ON
HISTADRUT RESOURCES IN ITS CAMPAIGN, TO THE EXTENT
PERMITTED BY LAW. HISTADRUT WANTS LABOR IN THE NEXT
GOVERNMENT TO SAFEGUARD HISTADRUT'S ECONOMIC
ENTERPRISES, HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, PENSION FUNDS AND OTHER
SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AGAINST LIKUD ATTACK. SOME OF THESE
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INSTITUTIONS FACED SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN 1988 (REF A,
C AND D). LABOR TRIED TO DISTANCE ITSELF FROM HISTADRUT
IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE CAMPAIGN, BUT BECAUSE
HISTADRUT PROVIDES MUCH OF LABOR'S (AND MAPAM'S)
CAMPAIGN MANPOWER, THE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION WAS
QUICKLY RESTORED TO GRACE. DOWN IN THE MOUTH IN JULY,
HISTADRUT OFFICIALS ARE NOW CONFIDENT LABOR WILL DO

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ABOUT AS WELL IN THIS ELECTION AS IN THE LAST. END SUMMARY.

3. HISTADRUT AS AN ELECTORAL MACHINE

MORE THAN JUST A LABOR FEDERATION, HISTADRUT CREATED AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO EMPLOY AND CARE FOR WAVES OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS. IT REMAINS A MAMMOTH, FAR-FLUNG ORGANIZATION. MOST ISRAELIS BELONG TO ITS SICK FUND, UNIONS AND/OR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (NA'AMAT). KIBBUTZIM, MOSHAVIM, COOPERATIVES AND OTHER HISTADRUT ENTERPRISES EMPLOY 23 PERCENT OF EMPLOYED ISRAELIS. HISTADRUT INSTITUTIONS OPERATE HOSPITALS, CLINICS, DAY-CARE CENTERS, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, RETIREMENT AND NURSING HOMES, SPORTS AND YOUTH CLUBS THROUGHOUT ISRAEL. THE LABOR PARTY AND ITS ALLIES (MAPAM AND INDEPENDENT LIBERALS) SELECT ALL ELECTED AND MANY APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THESE INSTITUTIONS AND OF MOST LABOR COUNCILS OVERSEEING THESE ACTIVITIES IN EACH TOWN OR REGION. PARTY MILITANTS FILL POLICY JOBS THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. AT ELECTION TIME, THESE OFFICIALS AND MILITANTS BECOME CAMPAIGN ORGANIZERS AND WORKERS.

4. CAMPAIGN RESTRICTIONS

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CAMPAIGN LAWS FORBID USE OF HISTADRUT INSTITUTION FUNDS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE CAMPAIGN, BUT NOT PERSONNEL. USE OF SOME OTHER RESOURCES, SUCH AS COMPANY VEHICLES TO GET VOTERS TO THE POLLS, MAY OCCUR. HOWEVER, OUR HISTADRUT SOURCES SAY THEY ARE BEING MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS THIS TIME IN USING RESOURCES FROM HISTADRUT FIRMS; NOT ONLY IS LIKUD WATCHING CLOSELY, BUT THESE FIRMS HAVE PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN.

5. HISTADRUT AS AN ISSUE

ALTHOUGH PEACE AND THE UPRISING IN THE TERRITORIES ARE THE TOP ELECTORAL ISSUE, SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ALSO PLAY A ROLE. HISTADRUT IS CENTRAL TO MANY OF THEM. LABOR PARTY PHONE SURVEYS SHOWED THAT MEDICAL CARE AND THE FATE OF HISTADRUT ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES WERE MAJOR VOTER CONCERNS. LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN ALLEGES THAT HISTADRUT CONTROLS AND MISMANAGES TOO MUCH OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMY AND SOCIAL SYSTEM. LIKUD ATTRIBUTES PROBLEMS AT KOOR, HEVRAT OVDIM AND KUPAT HOLIM TO THEIR BEING RUN BY A

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TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION CONTROLLED BY A POLITICAL PARTY. ONE LIKUD ELECTION AD IMPLIED THAT MONEY FROM THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' PENSION FUNDS HELPS FINANCE LABOR'S CAMPAIGN.

6. HISTADRUT'S PROBLEMS: KUPAT HOLIM

HISTADRUT'S GENERAL SICK FUND (KUPAT HOLIM CLALIT) IS A NATIONAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION. IT COVERS FOUR-FIFTHS OF ISRAEL'S POPULATION, OPERATES A THIRD OF ITS HOSPITALS AND MOST LOCAL CLINICS. IT HAS BEEN IN TURMOIL THIS YEAR (REF C). HARD HIT BY ELIMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, RISING MEDICAL COSTS AND DEMAND FOR BETTER SERVICE, KUPAT HOLIM IS TRYING TO MODERNIZE AND IMPROVE SERVICE. IT HAS BEEN CAUGHT BETWEEN DEMANDS

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FOR HIGHER PAY BY DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER EMPLOYEES
AND THE FINANCE MINISTRY'S POWER TO VETO INCREASES.
FINANCE ARGUES THAT ISRAEL SPENDS ADEQUATE FUNDS ON A
PER CAPITA BASIS FOR MEDICAL CARE BUT THAT WASTE, BAD
PRACTICES AND BAD ORGANIZATION DIMINISH THE FULL IMPACT
OF THAT FUNDING. AFTER STRIKES NEARLY ALL YEAR, AN
AGREEMENT ON EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR A SECOND SHIFT TO
ELIMINATE BACKLOGS WAS FINALLY APPROVED BY THE FINANCE
MINISTRY IN OCTOBER.

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7. HISTADRUT'S PROBLEMS: KOOR AND HEVRAT OVDIM

HISTADRUT ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES (HEVRAT OVDIM) ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT A QUARTER OF GNP. THEY INCLUDE KOOR, ISRAEL'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATE. FACED WITH PROBLEMS

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COMMON TO MATURE INDUSTRY IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, KOOR HAS ALSO BEEN CAUGHT IN A PROFIT SQUEEZE AND GENERAL SLOWDOWN IN ISRAEL'S INDUSTRIAL EXPORT SECTOR, EXACERBATED BY INCREASING OVERVALUATION OF THE SHEKEL AND BY HEVRAT OVDIM'S LEADERSHIP IN IMPROVING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS AND GENEROSITY IN SEVERANCE PAY. KOOR LOST A QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS IN 1987. IN MAY AND JUNE, HISTADRUT MADE SWEEPING CHANGES IN KOOR MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION. KOOR TOUGHENED ITS APPROACH TO LABOR RELATIONS. HISTADRUT SIMILARLY RESTRUCTURED HEVRAT OVDIM AND ESTABLISHED A JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO REPLACE HISTADRUT'S TRADE UNION DEPARTMENT AS FINAL ARBITER IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT IMPASSES. NEVERTHELESS, IN OCTOBER, BANKERS' TRUST THREATENED TO SUE TO DISSOLVE KOOR (REF A), AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ON FURTHER RESTRUCTURING ARE STILL UNDER WAY.

8. NEW OPTIMISM THAT HISTADRUT WON'T SINK LABOR

IN JULY, THE LABOR PARTY TRIED TO SIDESTEP THE HISTADRUT ISSUE AND GIVE SECRETARY GENERAL ISRAEL KESSAR A LOW PROFILE IN THE CAMPAIGN. HISTADRUT OFFICIALS WERE THEN WORRIED THAT LIKUD WOULD WIN THE ELECTION. THE MOOD CHANGED BY SEPTEMBER. KESSAR'S BLASTS AT PARTY EFFORTS TO KEEP HIM IN THE BACKGROUND (ALTHOUGH NUMBER 4 ON THE LABOR KNESSET ELECTION LIST) HAD EFFECT AND HE WAS BACK IN THE CAMPAIGN. HISTADRUT ACTIVISTS SENSED THAT VOTERS, THOUGH FEARFUL OF JOB LOSS IN HISTADRUT AND OTHER INDUSTRIES AND UPSET AT THE HEALTH CRISIS, SAW HISTADRUT ACTING TO REMEDY ITS PROBLEMS AND GAVE OTHER ISSUES TOP BILLING. IN OCTOBER, THE KUPAT HOLIM IMPASSE WAS RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION REMAINS. BANKERS' TRUST REVIVED THE KOOR ISSUE, BUT THE THREAT TO

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THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND TO THE MANY LIKUD VOTERS WORKING IN KOOR WAS SO GREAT THAT PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR

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(OF LIKUD) QUICKLY RALLIED THE GOVERNMENT BEHIND KOOR. HOW WILL KOOR AFFECT THE ELECTION? ONE HISTADRUT SOURCE SAID IT MIGHT COST LABOR ONE KNESSET SEAT, BUT NOT GIVE LIKUD AN EDGE. IN ANOTHER LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENT, HISTADRUT SIGNED AN INTERIM COST-OF-LIVING AGREEMENT WITH THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION GIVING ALL EMPLOYED ISRAELIS A 4.5 PERCENT INCREASE, OR ABOUT 50 PERCENT COMPENSATION FOR THE CPI INCREASE SINCE APRIL, RATHER THAN 70 PERCENT AS UNDER THE EXPIRED AGREEMENT. THIS REMOVED THE THREAT OF ANOTHER POTENTIAL PRE-ELECTORAL CRISIS.

9. DISGRUNTLEMENT AT LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN TACTICS

ASIDE FROM THE TEMPORARY DECISION TO PUT KESSAR IN THE CLOSET, OTHER LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN ELEMENTS UPSET MANY IN THE HISTADRUT-LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN MACHINERY. RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL MASS RALLIES AND DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGNING, THE LABOR PARTY, ADVISED BY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS, EMPHASIZED THE PERSONALITY OF PARTY LEADER PERES AND USED TELEPHONE SURVEYS TO PINPOINT UNDECIDED VOTERS. DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGNING WITH THE UNDECIDED IS NOW TAKING PLACE, AND HISTADRUT ACTIVISTS ARE HAPPY TO BE BACK IN THE ACT.

10. PROBLEMS AND MOOD IN THE KEY TEL AVIV AREA

IN BAT YAM, NEAR TEL AVIV, THE LABOR PARTY MAYOR, DUMPED FOR REELECTION, WILL RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT IN THE FEBRUARY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. HE IS STOPPING MUNICIPAL HISTADRUT AND PARTY ACTIVISTS FROM TAKING TIME OFF TO CAMPAIGN NOW. HISTADRUT ACTIVISTS ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY RECRUITING ENOUGH RANK-AND-FILE MEMBERS TO CANVASS THE

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UNDECIDED. IN TEL AVIV, PARTY LEADER SPEISER LOST IN HIS BID FOR THE KNESSET LIST LAST SPRING AND IS SITTING OUT THE CAMPAIGN. NEVERTHELESS, OUR MAJOR TEL AVIV HISTADRUT CONTACT TELLS US, THE TEL AVIV PARTY BRANCH IS FULLY ACTIVE IN THE CAMPAIGN AND RECRUITING ENOUGH ACTIVISTS TO CANVASS THE UNCOMMITTED NOW AND WORK THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. HE SAYS BOTH LABOR AND LIKUD ARE DISCONCERTED BY THE GENERAL APATHY. HE ADDS THAT THE TEL AVIV LABOR PARTY SEES MORE CHANCE OF A NARROW LABOR VICTORY ENABLING LABOR AT LEAST TO MAKE PERES PRIME MINISTER IN ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, THAN OF A LIKUD VICTORY ALLOWING IT TO CHOOSE THE PRIME MINISTER OR FORM A NARROW COALITION.

11. HISTADRUT'S ARABS AND THE ARAB VOTE

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HISTADRUT'S LEADING ARAB, NAWAF MASSALHA (REF E) HAS A SAFE SLOT ON LABOR'S KNESSET LIST. HE HEADS THE PARTY'S CAMPAIGN IN THE ARAB SECTOR, THE FIRST ARAB TO DO SO. HE LEADS ABOUT 200 ARAB EMPLOYEES IN HISTADRUT INSTITUTIONS IN ARAB VILLAGES AND CAN DRAW ON HISTADRUT'S JEWISH OFFICIALS. THEY HOPE HE WILL PARTIALLY OFFSET DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN'S ROUGH HANDLING OF THE UPRISING AND THE DEPARTURE OF PRESENT LABOR ARAB KNESSET MEMBER (DAROUSHE) TO FORM A SEPARATE ARAB PARTY. THEY ARE BETTING THAT MASSALHA AND HIS HISTADRUT ARAB STAFF WILL REDUCE LABOR'S LOSS OF ARAB VOTES, VITAL IN A CLOSE ELECTION.

12. HISTADRUT NEEDS THE LABOR PARTY IN GOVERNMENT

LABOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HISTADRUT. ALTHOUGH A LIKUD-LED COALITION WITH LABOR IN OPPOSITION WOULD GIVE HISTADRUT'S TRADE UNIONS MORE FREEDOM OF MANEUVER, IT WOULD AGGRAVATE HISTADRUT'S OTHER PROBLEMS. HISTADRUT'S ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES, HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND PENSION FUNDS WOULD ALL BE VULNERABLE WITH NO LABOR PARTY MINISTERS TO PARRY

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BUDGETARY AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL MOVES WHICH WOULD WEAKEN THEM FINANCIALLY.

13. BUT NOT EVERYONE IN THE LABOR PARTY AGREES

ALTHOUGH HISTADRUT OFFICIALS FEEL LABOR PARTY PARTICIPATION IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT IS VITAL FOR HISTADRUT, THERE ARE THOSE IN THE PARTY WHO OPPOSE PARTICIPATION IN A NEW NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH A GOVERNMENT MIGHT BLOCK MOV8MENT TOWARD PEACE. THEY HOPE TO BRING ABOUT NEW ELECTIONS IF

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LABOR IS UNABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT LIKUD. MANY IN HISTADRUT FEAR A FIERCE CLASH IN THE PARTY IF THE ELECTION RESULTS MAKE A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT THE ONLY OPTION FOR LABOR PARTICIPATION. PICKERING

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STRONG WARNINGS AGAINST THE USE OF FIREARMS BY
PALESTINIANS, RESPONDING TO RECENT GRENADE
ATTACKS ON IDF FORCES AND SHOOTINGS OF
PALESTINIANS BY OTHER PALESTINIANS. SOME
ISRAELI OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THE PALESTINIANS
ARE ABANDONING THE POLICY FOLLOWED THUS FAR IN
THE INTIFADA OF REFRAINING FROM THE USE OF
FIREARMS. WE DOUBT THIS. END SUMMARY.

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3. PALESTINIANS HAVE LARGELY AVOIDED USING
FIREARMS AGAINST THE ISRAELIS IN THE INTIFADA,
IN THE REALIZATION THAT "ARMED STRUGGLE" WITH

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GUNS HAS BEEN A FUTILE POLICY IN THE PAST AND THAT BY REFRAINING FROM THIS, THEY HAVE HELPED BUILD THE "DAVID VS GOLIATH" IMAGE THEY SEEK TO CULTIVATE. ONLY ONE SOLDIER HAS BEEN KILLED BY GUNFIRE, AND WE KNOW OF NO OTHER USE OF GUNS BY PALESTINIANS AGAINST ISRAELIS IN THE INTIFADA.

4. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE HAND GRENADE ATTACKS--THREE IN THE LAST TEN DAYS--AGAINST IDF FORCES IN GAZA. THE GRENADE ATTACKS, A RECENT GANGLAND-STYLE KILLING OF A PALESTINIAN MUKHTAR FROM QALQILYA WHO WAS REGARDED AS A COLLABORATOR AND LAND SCAM OPERATOR, AND A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO THE PLO'S HANI AL-HASSAN THAT IF SHAMIR WINS THE ELECTIONS PALESTINIANS WILL USE BULLETS INSTEAD OF STONES, HAVE PROVOKED A FLURRY OF WARNINGS FROM ISRAEL OFFICIALS.

5. ISRAELI MILITARY SOURCES WERE QUOTED IN THE PRESS LAST WEEKEND SAYING, "THE USE OF FIREARMS BY PALESTINIANS WILL MEAN A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME. IT WILL, IN FACT, MAKE IT EASIER FOR SOLDIERS TO RESPOND; THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SHOOT BACK."

6. PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR SAID OCT 16 THAT "NOT ONE ARAB WOULD SURVIVE" IF THE RESIDENTS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BEGAN TO USE LIVE WEAPONS. AFTER CRITICISM IN THE ISRAELI PRESS (AL

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HAMISHMAR COLUMNIST ARIE PALGI WROTE OCT 17 THAT SHAMIR'S COMMENTS "SMACKED OF GENOCIDE), SHAMIR'S OFFICE EXPLAINED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS TALKING ABOUT RESPONDING IN KIND ONLY AGAINST PALESTINIANS WHO WERE USING FIREARMS.

7. IDF CHIEF OF STAFF DAN SHOMRON SAID OCT 16 THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT DETECT A DEFINITE SHIFT TO THE USE OF FIREARMS BY PALESTINIANS, THE POSSIBILITY NEED NOT BE RULED OUT. REPLYING IN THE CABINET TO A QUESTION ABOUT HANI AL-HASSAN'S REPORTED REMARKS, SHOMRON SAID THE RESPONSE OF THE IDF WOULD BE MUCH SIMPLER THAN THE PRESENT ONE; THE IDF WAS WELL-TRAINED TO DEAL WITH ARMED ATTACKS. HE ADDED THAT FIREARMS MIGHT BE VIEWED AS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE INTIFADA GOING AND THAT ARMS ARE USED BY SOME FACTIONS WHICH FEAR

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THAT THE PLO MIGHT SOON PROPOSE A POLITICAL INITIATIVE.

8. AL-QUDS REPORTED OCT 16 THAT DEFMIN RABIN SAID THAT THE USE OF FIREARMS SHOWS THAT THE INTIFADA HAS STARTED TO WAIN AND THAT ITS ORGANIZERS ARE LOSING CONTROL.

9. A PROMINENT PALESTINIAN JOURNALIST TOLD US OCT 18 THAT THE HAD HEARD BOTH FROM ARAFAT AND THE LATE ABU JIHAD "THROUGH HIS OWN EARS" THAT IT WAS PLO POLICY TO REFRAIN FROM USING FIREARMS AGAINST ISRAELIS IN THE INTIFADA, AND THAT THIS POLICY WILL REMAIN FIRM WHOEVER WINS THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS. HE DOUBTED THE RELIABILITY OF THE REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO HANI AL-HASSAN AND PREDICTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THIS

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TO REF FBIS REPORT, CAME FROM THE NEWSPAPER AL
ITTIHAD, AS REPORTED IN A CLANDESTINE BROADCAST
FROM THE "VOICE OF PALESTINE" OCT 15, 1988.)
THERE HAVE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GRENADE
ATTACKS IN GAZA WERE BY THE EXTREMIST ISLAMIC
JIHAD AND WERE NOT THE WORK OF THE INTIFADA

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LEADERSHIP. THE BRITISH CG TOLD US THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE UK EMBASSY PRIVATELY THAT THEY BELIEVE ISLAMIC ELEMENTS ARE BEHIND THE GRENADE ATTACKS.

10. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THE UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP OF THE INTIFADA OR THE PLO HAVE

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DECIDED TO REVERSE THEIR POLICY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF FIREARMS. SUCH A SHIFT IN STRATEGY WOULD DO GREAT DAMAGE TO THE UNDERDOG IMAGE THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO CULTIVATE FOR THE INTIFADA, AS AN UNARMED PEOPLES' PROTEST AGAINST A HEAVILY ARMED IDF.

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1. SUMMARY: FIVE PALESTINIANS WERE REPORTED
KILLED, THREE OF WHOM DIED OF EARLIER WOUNDS, 41
WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED. FIVE IDF SOLDIERS, FOUR
ISRAELI CIVILIANS AND TWO ISRAELI ARABS WERE
INJURED BY STONES. NINE HOMES WERE DEMOLISHED AND
SIX OTHERS WERE SEALED. PROLONGED CURFEWS WERE
IMPOSED AT NINE LOCATIONS AND FIVE VILLAGES WERE
ORDERED CLOSED MILITARY ZONES. THE IDF RAIDED
SEVERAL VILLAGES TO MAKE ARRESTS AND TO ASSERT
CONTROL OVER AREAS NOT USUALLY PATROLLED AND
IMPOSED STRICT DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AGAINST THE
RESIDENTS. A GENERAL STRIKE DAY WAS OBSERVED IN
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OCTOBER 14 AND WEST BANK
DOCTORS REFUSED TO CHARGE FEES FOR TREATING
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WOUNDED IN THE INTIFADA. THIS REPORT WAS COMPILED
MAINLY FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.

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OCTOBER 11:

ONE PALESTINIAN FROM THE DHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP DIED OF A PLASTIC WOUND RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 28. FIVE OTHERS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED DURING THE FUNERAL AND IN ENSUING CLASHES. IN BAL'A, NEAR TULKARM, TWO YOUTHS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED IN A CLASH WITH THE IDF.

SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED ONE YOUTH DURING CLASHES IN KUFR EIN AND TWO OTHERS AT MADAMA, NEAR RAMALLAH.

SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO VILLAGERS DURING A RAID, WHICH CONTINUED FOR THREE DAYS, NEAR TULKAREM.

TWO ISRAELI MOTORISTS WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY ROCKS THROWN IN EAST JERUSALEM.

OCTOBER 12:

FOUR PALESTINIANS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED IN CLASHES IN THE OLD QUARTER OF NABLUS.

IN RIOTING AT MAYTHALOUN, NEAR JENIN, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS. ANOTHER WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED IN YATTA, SOUTH OF HEBRON AND ANOTHER TWO IN TULKAREM.
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OCTOBER 13:

SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED A PALESTINIAN AND WOUNDED FOUR OTHERS IN JUDEIDEH, SOUTH OF JENIN. ONE ISRAELI SOLDIER WAS LIGHTLY WOUNDED BY A BRICK.

PALESTINIAN SOURCES REPORTED CLASHES AT DEIR AL GHOSOUN, NEAR TULKAREM, WHERE IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE PALESTINIAN BOYS.

OCTOBER 14:

SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED A PALESTINIAN YOUTH AND WOUNDED ANOTHER DURING A RAID ON KUFR MALIK, NEAR RAMALLAH.

A PALESTINIAN YOUTH FROM QIBYA DIED OF WOUNDS SUSTAINED ON OCTOBER 8 WHEN SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE AT STONE-THROWING YOUTHS.

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SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE PALESTINIANS IN NABLUS, IN CLASHES AFTER A WEEK-LONG CURFEW WAS LIFTED. TWO OTHERS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED DURING CLASHES IN NEARBY BALATA AND ASKAR REFUGEE CAMPS.

TWO ISRAELI POLICEMEN WERE LIGHTLY INJURED BY STONES THROWN AT THEM IN ISSAWIYEH, NORTHERN JERUSALEM.

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YOUTHS IN JENIN ATTACKED AN ISRAELI WITH AN AXE, INFLECTING MODERATE WOUNDS. ALSO IN JENIN, STONES WERE THROWN AT A CAR BELONGING TO AN ISRAELI ARAB COUPLE, INJURING THEM SLIGHTLY.

TROOPS SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE PALESTINIANS DURING A RAID ON QAFFIN, NEAR JENIN. PALESTINIAN SOURCES SAID FOUR WERE INJURED.

OCTOBER 16:

A PALESTINIAN YOUTH FROM ATIL VILLAGE, NEAR TULKAREM, DIED OF WOUNDS SUSTAINED ONE WEEK AGO IN A CLASH WITH SOLDIERS.

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ONE ISRAELI PASSENGER WAS SLIGHTLY CUT WHEN A STONE BROKE A WINDOW OF AN ISRAELI BUS IN EAST JERUSALEM.

OCTOBER 17:

TWO SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED DURING CLASHES IN QALQILYA.

SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A TWO-YEAR-OLD BABY AND A YOUNG BOY IN NABLUS. SEVERAL OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH INJURIES FROM BEATINGS AND RUBBER BULLETS.

SOLDIERS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A PALESTINIAN AT SALFIT, SOUTHEAST OF NABLUS.

3. IDF RAZES NINE ARAB HOMES AND SEALS SIX OTHERS

OCTOBER 12:

THE IDF BLEW UP FOUR HOMES IN NABLUS AND SEALED FIVE OTHERS BELONGING TO FAMILIES OF MEN SUSPECTED OF ASSASSINATING THREE COLLABORATORS.

OCTOBER 14:

SOLDIERS DEMOLISHED FIVE HOMES AND SEALED A SIXTH FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF SIX VILLAGERS AT BIDYA, SOUTHEAST OF QALQILYA. THE HOMES BELONGED TO

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PALESTINIANS SUSPECTED OF KILLING THE LOCAL
MUKHTAR, ON OCTOBER 6, WHO WAS CONSIDERED A
COLLABORATOR.

4. AUTHORITIES CONTINUE SEARCH AND ARREST CAMPAIGN

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OCTOBER 14:

POLICE AND IDF SOLDIERS RAIDED RAMALLAH, TULKAREM,
AND JENIN. IN VILLAGES NEAR JENIN, THE IDF
ARRESTED 20 PALESTINIANS SUPECTED OF SETTING FIRE
TO FORESTS, ERECTING BARRICADES AND BURNING
TIRES. THE SOLDIERS ALSO DISCOVERED A CACHE OF
EXPLOSIVES.

IDF SOLDIERS RAIDED QAFFIN, NORTH OF TULKAREM, AND
CONFISCATED THE MOSQUE'S LOUDSPEAKER TO PREVENT
THE BROADCASTING OF NATIONALIST SLOGANS.
RESIDENTS COMPLAINED THAT SOLDIERS VANDALIZED
HOMES DURING THE HOUSE-TO HOUSE SEARCHES. RAIDS
WERE ALSO REPORTED AT THREE OTHER VILLAGES IN THE
AREA.

5. CURFEWS

OCTOBER 11:

THE CURFEW IMPOSED ON BIDYA AFTER LAST WEEK'S
SHOOTING DEATH OF THE MUKHTAR WAS LIFTED.

OCTOBER 12:

AUTHORITIES IMPOSED A CURFEW ON KUFR NI'MEH, NEAR
RAMALLAH, IN THE AFTERMATH OF STONE-THROWING
DEMONSTRATIONS.

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OCTOBER 13:
THE VILLAGES OF BEIT RIMA AND KUFR MALIK, NEAR
RAMALLAH, REMAINED CLOSED MILITARY ZONES FOR THE
PAST 27 DAYS.

OCTOBER 14:
THE CURFEW IMPOSED ON OCTOBER 7 ON NABLUS AND
SURROUNDING REFUGEE CAMPS WAS LIFTED.

THE EXTENDED CURFEW IMPOSED ON AM'ARI REFUGEE
CAMP, NEAR RAMALLAH, FOR THE PAST 27 DAYS WAS
LIFTED.

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A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON AZZEH REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR BETHLEHEM, AFTER STONES WERE THROWN AT ISRAELI VEHICLES. THE CURFEW CONTINUED FOR THE THIRD DAY ON OCTOBER 17.

OCTOBER 16:

A CURFEW IMPOSED ON A-ZAWIYEH VILLAGE, NEAR TULKAREM, AFTER CLASHES, CONTINUED FOR THE 13TH DAY IN A ROW.

AUTHORITIES ORDERED THE VILLAGES OF SAIR AND SHOYOUKH, HEBRON DISTRICT; AND BEIT FAJJAR, BETHLEHEM DISTRICT, CLOSED MILITARY ZONES.

OCTOBER 17:

THE CURFEW IMPOSED AFTER CLASHES AT BURQA, NEAR NABLUS, TEN DAYS AGO, WAS LIFTED.

6. OTHER DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

OCTOBER 11:

AUTHORITIES BANNED OLIVE PICKING IN BAL'A NEAR TULKAREM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND CONFISCATED KEYS TO FIVE OLIVE PRESSES.

OCTOBER 15:

AUTHORITIES LIFTED THE RIVER-CROSSING TRAVEL BAN IMPOSED ON RESIDENTS OF TOUBAS, NEAR NABLUS, THREE MONTHS AGO.

OCTOBER 16:

AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO IMPOSE A TRAVEL BAN ON RESIDENTS OF BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS. NO UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIDENT WAS PERMITTED TO CROSS THE BRIDGE TO JORDAN DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

OCTOBER 17:

AUTHORITIES BANNED THE PICKING AND PRESSING OF OLIVES AT KUFR THULTH VILLAGE, SOUTHEAST OF QALQILYA, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

VILLAGERS OF KUFR A-DEEK, NEAR NABLUS REMAINED WITHOUT ELECTRICITY, AFTER THE IDF DESTROYED THEIR

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GENERATORS EIGHT MONTHS AGO AND REFUSE TO PERMIT
INSTALLATION OF NEW ONES.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN BEIT SAHOUR HELD A SIT-IN
AT THE LOCAL CHURCH TO PROTEST AGAINST THE
CONTINUED CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS IN THE WEST BANK.
PROTESTORS URGED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS TO INTERVENE.

AUTHORITIES ORDERED CLOSURE OF THE MOSLEM
ORPHANAGE BOYS' SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY FOR
ONE MONTH AFTER STUDENTS THREW STONES AND EMPTY
BOTTLES. FOUR OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN EAST
JERUSALEM WERE ORDERED CLOSE FOR TEN DAYS.

7. GENERAL STRIKES

OCTOBER 14:
A GENERAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED IN THE OCCUPIED

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TERRITORIES, ALLED FOR IN LEAFLET NO. 27 OF THE
INTIFADA LEADERSHIP TO COMMEMORATE THE 1953 IDF
RAID ON QIBIA, THEN IN JORDAN, WHERE OVER 20
VILLAGERS WERE KILLED.

8. WEST BANK DOCTORS REFUSE TO CHARGE INTIFADA
WOUNDED

DIRECTORS OF NINE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN THE WEST
BANK SENT LETTERS TO THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION
DECLARING THEIR REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY REGULATIONS
ADOPTED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO REQUIRING THEM TO
CHARGE FEES FOR TREATMENT OF PERSONS WOUNDED IN
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2. SUMMARY. WEIZMAN EXPRESSED "CONTROLLED OPTIMISM," PREDICTING LABOR WOULD WIN MORE SEATS THAN LIKUD (43-40) IN THE ELECTION AND THAT THERE WOULD BE A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A NARROW LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT. PERES, HE BELIEVED, WOULD BE THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER. LABOR WOULD TRY TO FOCUS ON THE COMPARATIVE LEADERSHIP ABILITIES OF PERES AND SHAMIR IN THE LAST 14 DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.
3. AMBASSADOR MET OCT. 17 WITH LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR EZER WEIZMAN TO DISCUSS THE CAMPAIGN. WEIZMAN EXPRESSED "CONTROLLED OPTIMISM" AND PREDICTED THERE WOULD BE A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A

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LIKUD-LED NARROW GOVERNMENT. HE BASED HIS ASSESSMENT ON THE FOLLOWING ELECTORAL FORECAST:

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(THIS FORECAST IS UNCHANGED FROM WEIZMAN'S ASSESSMENT OF TWO WEEKS AGO IN REFTEL.)

4. WEIZMAN REITERATED FOR US HIS POST-ELECTION SCENARIO OF A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A NARROW LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT, THE FORMATION OF A NARROW LABOR-LED MINORITY GOVERNMENT WITH THE PASSIVE SUPPORT OF THE LEFT NON-ZIONIST PARTIES, AND THE RECRUITMENT OF SOME OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES TO FORM A MAJORITY. HOWEVER, EVEN IF SUCH A SCENARIO COMES TRUE, WEIZMAN FORESAW THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW ELECTIONS WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO.

LABOR'S POSITION AMONG ARABS IMPROVING

5. WEIZMAN CRITICIZED PARTY ACTIVISTS WHO PREDICT A MAJOR FALLOFF IN ARAB SUPPORT FOR LABOR. WEIZMAN BELIEVED ARAB VOTERS WERE PRAGMATIC AND WOULD VOTE

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FOR ISRAELI PARTIES SUCH AS LABOR WHICH WORK FOR PEACE, DESPITE LABOR'S LONG RECORD OF FAILING TO MEET BASIC ARAB NEEDS IN EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

6. EXPRESSING PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT HE HAD PLACED AN ISRAELI ARAB, NAWAF MASALHA, IN CHARGE OF LABOR'S CAMPAIGN IN THE ARAB SECTOR FOR THE FIRST TIME, WEIZMAN PREDICTED LABOR WOULD GARNER 50,000 ARAB VOTES -- A NUMBER CLOSE TO THAT WHICH THE ALIGNMENT (LABOR PLUS MAPAM) AND WEIZMAN'S YAHAD PARTY WON IN 1984. LATER, HOWEVER, WEIZMAN ADJUSTED LABOR'S LIKELY ISRAELI ARAB VOTE DOWNWARDS TO 35,000-40,000.

MANAGING THE CAMPAIGN

7. WEIZMAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS OWN MANAGEMENT OF LABOR'S CAMPAIGN THUS FAR, INCLUDING LABOR'S TV BROADCASTS AND EFFORTS TO FOCUS PUBLIC

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ATTENTION ON LABOR'S ISSUES, PERES' LEADERSHIP, AND LABOR'S NEW FACES. HE FELT THE PARTY WAS WORKING EFFECTIVELY AND DISCOUNTED PRESS REPORTS ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING VOLUNTEERS. WEIZMAN ATTRIBUTED NEGATIVE REPORTING ABOUT LABOR TO THOSE WHO WERE ON THE OUTS IN THE CAMPAIGN. HE SAID HE HAD EXPERIENCED SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WHEN HE RAN LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN IN 1977.

8. WEIZMAN SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO FOCUS THE REMAINDER OF THE CAMPAIGN ON PERES' SUPERIORITY OVER SHAMIR AS A LEADER. IF HE IS SUCCESSFUL, ALL OF THE ARGUMENTS WITHIN LABOR OVER STRATEGY WILL BE FORGOTTEN. HOWEVER, SHOULD HE FAIL, "THE KNIVES WILL

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BE OUT" FOR PERES, WEIZMAN, RABIN AND OTHERS WHO LED LABOR IN THE CAMPAIGN.

9. WEIZMAN DOWNPLAYED THE ELECTORAL THREAT ON LABOR'S LEFT FLANK FROM THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT, SAYING THAT MANY WHO NOW EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE CRM WILL VOTE LABOR IN THE END. BUT WEIZMAN WAS LESS OPTIMISTIC LABOR WOULD DO MORE THEN marginally IMPROVE ITS POSITION AMONG SEPHARDIM (JEWS OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ORIGIN) AND YOUNG VOTERS.

ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT?

10. AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT LABOR'S LIKELY REACTION IF LIKUD EDGED OUT LABOR IN THE ELECTION AND SHAMIR OFFERED LABOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. WEIZMAN INDICATED HE WAS UNCERTAIN
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WHETHER LABOR WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A GOVERNMENT, AND EVEN LESS CERTAIN HE COULD SUPPORT IT. HE DUBBED ANOTHER SHAMIR-PERES COALITION A "NATIONAL NECESSITY GOVERNMENT". THE OTHER LABOR MINISTERS MIGHT GO FOR IT BECAUSE THEY "LOVE POWER" BUT WEIZMAN WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM.

11. IN THE EVENT LABOR WINS, WEIZMAN WANTS TO SERVE AS FOREIGN MINISTER BEFORE RETIRING FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE.

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1. SUMMARY. LEAFLET NO. 27 OF THE "PLO/UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING" (UNLU), DATED OCTOBER 9, REASSURED PALESTINIANS THAT THE PLO WAS WORKING TO PREPARE THE PNC AND TRANSLATE THEIR SUFFERINGS INTO WORLD-WIDE GAINS. IT REITERATED THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN LEAFLET NO. 26, CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION OF THE BRITISH SECURITY REGULATIONS, DISMANTLEMENT OF SETTLEMENTS, FREEING OF DETAINEES, AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION DURING A SHORT TRANSITION TO AN INDEPENDENT STATE WITH JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL.

2. THE LEAFLET ALSO APPEALED FOR UNITY OF THE RANKS AND CALLED ON PALESTINIANS TO ENGAGE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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"MASSIVE ACTIVITIES" DURING THE PNC. IT ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF EDUCATION, URGING INTERNATIONAL

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ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY UNESCO, TO INTERVENE WITH THE ISRAELIS AND CALLED ON PALESTINIANS TO CONDUCT SIT-INS IN FRONT OF FOREIGN CONSULATES, SCHOOLS, AND UNIVERSITIES. UNLU ALSO INSTRUCTED PALESTINIANS TO ORGANIZE POPULAR EDUCATION. THE MASSES ARE ORDERED TO ASSIST FARMERS DURING THE OLIVE PICKING SEASON, AND MERCHANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN THEIR SHORTENED HOURS AND TAX STRIKE. UNLU ORDERS DOCTORS TO RESTRICT THEIR FEES TO NIS 12 PER VISIT, AND ALL PALESTINIANS ARE URGED TO COMBAT THE SECURITY FORCES' SEARCH-AND-ARREST CAMPAIGNS. STRIKES ARE SET FOR OCTOBER 14, 19, AND 26, AND CONFRONTATIONS ARE CALLED FOR AFTER FRIDAY AND SUNDAY PRAYERS. END SUMMARY.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LEAFLET 27:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE
A CALL ... A CALL ... A CALL
NO VOICE IS ABOVE THE VOICE OF THE UPRISING
NO VOICE IS ABOVE THE VOICE OF PALESTINIANS, THE
PEOPLE OF THE PLO
CALL NO. 27 - THE CALL OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL
COUNCIL (PNC) PUBLISHED BY THE PLO/THE UNIFIED
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU)

O MASSES OF THE GIGANTIC INTIFADA: YOU WHO HAVE
IMPOSED A SIEGE AND INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION ON
YOUR ZIONIST ENEMY. YOUR INTIFADA STARTS ITS 11TH
MONTH WITH STURDY STEPS, CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL
INEVITABLY GET YOUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF RETURN,
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SELF-DETERMINATION, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUR
INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN NATIONAL STATE UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO, OUR SOLE LEGITIMATE
REPRESENTATIVE, DESPITE THE DESPERATE ATTEMPTS OF
THE ZIONIST ENEMY TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES OF YOUR
INTIFADA. THE ENEMY HAS RECENTLY ADOPTED A NEW
POLICY OF COMPREHENSIVE RAIDS ON WEST BANK TOWNS
AND VILLAGES, PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAYS AND
GENERAL STRIKE DAYS, DURING WHICH SEVERAL YOUTHS
ARE SHOT, KILLED OR ARRESTED; OLD MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN ARE BEATEN; AND TOWNS, VILLAGES AND
REFUGEE CAMPS ARE CLOSED OFF FOR PROLONGED
PERIODS. THIS POLICY DEMONSTRATES THE DIFFICULT
CRISIS FACING OCCUPATION FORCES AND THE EXTENT OF
LOSSES INFLICTED ON ALL LEVELS.

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O TORCH-BEARERS OF THE INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE: WHILE YOUR INTIFADA CONTINUES THE BATTLE, OUR HISTORIC LEADERSHIP, REPRESENTED BY THE PLO, IS MAKING GREAT EFFORTS TO TRANSLATE YOUR DAILY VICTORIES INTO WORLD WIDE GAINS IN FAVOR OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE--VICTORIES WHICH INCREASE THE ISOLATION OF OUR ENEMY AND ITS IMPERIALIST AMERICAN ALLIES. AT THE SAME TIME YOUR LEADERSHIP CONTINUES THE STRUGGLE AND PREPARES FOR HOLDING THE EXTRAORDINARY 19TH SESSION OF THE PNC, WHICH WILL, WITH ITS NEW RESOLUTIONS, CONSTITUTE A NEW WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF OUR MASSES AND RESPOND TO THE AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE

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OF THE PLO AND THE INTIFADA, FOR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR NATIONAL COUNCIL WILL APPROVE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO FILL THE VACUUM CREATED BY THE JORDANIAN DECISIONS AND ADOPT PROGRAMS AND METHODS TO TRANSLATE THE SLOGANS OF OUR INTIFADA CALLING FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE INTO INCREASED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.

UNLU, THE STRUGGLING ARM OF THE PLO IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IS FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THE RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL, WHICH THE ENEMY FORCES AND THEIR ALLIES WILL TRY TO ABORT, WILL BE CAPABLE OF TERMINATING THE ATTEMPTS TO KEEP THE PLO AWAY FROM
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REPRESENTING OUR PEOPLE IN AN INDEPENDENT DELEGATION TO AN AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH ALL OTHER PARTIES. THE PLO IS CAPABLE OF ENTERING THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, AS WITNESSED DURING BROTHER ABU AMMAR'S VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AT STRASBOURG LAST MONTH.

ON THIS OCCASION, WE CALL ON THE MASSES OF THE INTIFADA TO INITIATE MASSIVE ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES DURING THE PNC MEETINGS AND SEND LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, WHICH FALLS DURING THIS MONTH, UNLU DEMANDS THAT THE UN CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IMPLEMENT ITS RESOLUTIONS IN FULL, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS WHICH ENSURE OUR PEOPLES' RIGHTS TO RETURN, SELF-DETERMINATION, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR INDEPENDENT NATIONAL STATE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO. ON THIS OCCASION, UNLU CONGRATULATES THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRIES WHICH

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SUPPORT OUR RIGHTS, AND REITERATES THE NEED TO ENSURE THE FOLLOWING LEGITIMATE DEMANDS:

1. WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES FROM PALESTINIAN POPULATION CENTERS;
2. CANCELLATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE'S EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, WHICH ARE STILL IN USE;
3. STOPPING THE POLICY OF ANNEXATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISHING NEW SETTLEMENTS WHILE DISMANTLING EXISTING ONES;

4. FREEING PRISONERS OF THE INTIFADA AND CLOSING THE MILITARY DETENTION CAMPS;
5. PROVIDING INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNARMED PALESTINIANS FOR A PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN A FEW MONTHS IN PREPARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE WITH JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL.

O MASSES OF THE INTIFADA: UNLU VALUES YOUR EFFORTS IN CONTINUING YOUR CONFRONTATIONS AGAINST THE OPPRESSIVE ENEMY AND THE NEW METHODS ADOPTED BY THE ENEMY'S GENERALS TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND ARREST CAMPAIGNS, CLOSE OFF TOWNS AND VILLAGES, AND USE PLASTIC BULLETS. WE BOW AND RESPECT THE PERSEVERANCE OF OUR MASSES IN COURAGEOUS HEBRON, THOSE WHO HEROICALLY CHALLENGE THE OCCUPATION FORCES AND THE HOARDS OF SETTLERS. THEY HAVE PROVED THAT HEBRON WILL NOT BE DESECRATED BY LEVINGER AND HIS GANG. WE VALUE ALSO THE POSITION OF THE MASSES IN THE STEADFAST GAZA STRIP, THOSE WHO TRANSFORMED THE FUNERAL INTO A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST OCCUPATION AND ITS AGENTS, AND VALUE THEIR DEFIANCE OF CURFEW ORDERS. A THOUSAND CHEERS TO ALL OUR MASSES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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O BUILDERS OF THE GREAT PALESTINIAN STATE: THE
FIERCE CAMPAIGNS WAGED BY THE ENEMY IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,
WHO HAVE DEVELOPED NEW
METHODS TO ERADICATE THE INTIFADA REQUIRE, NOW
MORE THAN EVER, MORE UNITY OF THE LINES UNDER THE
BANNER OF THE PLO. WE SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO THE
DECISIONS AND PROGRAMS OF ITS LEADERSHIP. ON THIS
OCCASION, UNLU EXTENDS ITS HAND, FERVENTLY TO ALL
THE STRUGGLING HONEST HANDS, SEEKING MORE
COORDINATION AND POOLING OF EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE
THE ENEMY'S CONSPIRACIES, WHICH TRY TO CREATE A
SPLIT IN THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL LINES. UNLU
CALLS ON YOU TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR STRUGGLE WHICH

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WILL ENSURE STRONG RESISTANCE AGAINST THE ENEMY'S
FIERCE CAMPAIGN AND DEDICATE THEIR TIME FOR
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

EDUCATION: THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES' DECISION TO RENEW THE ORDERS TO CLOSE SCHOOLS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES, TO DEPRIVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR CHILDREN OF THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION, RIGHTS THAT WERE ENSURED BY ALL INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND PRECEPTS, IS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF THE FEAR OF THE EDUCATION WEAPON WHICH OBSESSES THE LEADERS OF THE OCCUPATION. CONSEQUENTLY, UNLU CALLS ON ALL HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY UNESCO, TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY TO PUT AN END TO THE POLICY OF IGNORANCE USED BY THE OCCUPATION FORCES. UNLU URGES THE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL; THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIONS, TEACHERS' UNIONS AND STUDENT COUNCILS; AS WELL AS PARENTS' COMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND WAGE AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE THE OCCUPATION'S POLICY BY SENDING MEMOS AND HOLDING SIT-DOWN STRIKES OUTSIDE UN OFFICES AND FOREIGN CONSULATES, SCHOOLS, AND UNIVERSITIES TO DEMAND THEIR UNCONDITIONAL REOPENING. UNLU CALLS ON PALESTINIAN ACADEMICS AND EDUCATORS TO DRAW UP A PROGRAM FOR ALTERNATIVE POPULAR EDUCATION IN TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND CHALLENGE THE OCCUPATION'S POLICY OF IGNORANCE.

AGRICULTURE: UNLU CALLS ON THE MASSES TO ASSIST FARMERS TO COLLECT THEIR OLIVES DURING THE OLIVE PICKING SEASON. OUR PALESTINIAN CULTURE WAS BLESSED WITH THE TRADITION OF HELPING EACH OTHER, ACCORDING TO THE HONORABLE 'ONEH TRADITION, WHICH
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REQUIRES NEIGHBORS TO HELP EACH OTHER AT THE TIME OF NEED. LET US ALL ADHERE TO THIS TRADITION AND PRACTICE IT.

MERCHANTS: WE DEEPLY VALUE THE MERCHANTS' COMMITMENT TO NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND TO OPENING

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THEIR SHOPS FROM 8 AM TO 12 NOON (COMMENT: THIS WAS A MISPRINT, ACCORDING TO CONGEN SOURCES; SHOPS THAT TRIED TO OPEN AT 8 AM WERE TOLD TO CLOSE UNTIL 9AM. END COMMENT.), AS WELL AS THEIR BOYCOTT OF ISRAELI PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE LOCAL ALTERNATIVES. WE WISH TO RENEW OUR CALL TO THEM TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO UNLU'S INSTRUCTIONS AND DEMAND THE MERCHANTS' COMMITTEES TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS MATTER.

THE INTERNAL FRONT: UNLU DEMAND THAT NO ONE ISSUE ANY STATEMENT IN ITS NAME. WE WARN OUR MASSES AGAINST SUSPICIOUS SLOGANS PAINTED ON WALLS AS WELL AS THREATENING LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS. THESE ARE ISSUED BY ENEMY SOURCES AND AIM AT ABORTING THE INTIFADA.

POPULAR COMMITTEES: THESE COMMITTEES ARE URGED TO COURAGEOUSLY INTERVENE IN SOLVING INTERNAL FEUDS AND TO DEVELOP THEIR PRESENCE TO FOLLOW UP ON ALL CASES IN THE FIELD. MORE GUARDING COMMITTEES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

PHYSICIANS AND DOCTORS: UNLU DEMAND ALL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND SPECIALISTS TO TREAT OUR PEOPLE'S

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PATIENTS AND THE WOUNDED DURING THESE DIFFICULT
TIMES WHERE PEOPLE SUFFER FROM INJURIES ALL DAY.
UNLU DEMANDS ALL DOCTORS TO RESTRICT THEIR FEES
FOR TREATING PATIENTS TO 12 NEW SHEKELS AT THE
MOST.

LAWYERS: UNLU DEMAND LAWYERS TO COORDINATE THEIR
ACTIVITIES DEALING WITH DETAINEES AMONG
THEMSELVES. THEY SHOULD FORM LEGAL COMMITTEES TO
DEFEND THE PRISONERS AND HOLD CONFERENCES TO
EXPOSE THE SITUATION OF PRISONERS IN THE DETENTION
CAMPS.

RESITING THE POLICY OF MASSIVE SWEEPS: POPULAR
COMMITTEES AND AND STRIKE FORCES SHOULD BE
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RESPONSIBLE FOR COMBATING THIS POLICY BY BEING
ALERT AND PREPARED AT ALL TIMES. THEY SHOULD
CREATE NEW METHODS OF RESISTANCE AND AID THOSE WHO
ARE WANTED BY THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES.

O MASSES OF THE GLORIOUS INTIFADA: UNLU URGES YOU
TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING OBLIGATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES:

-- OCTOBER 14, A GENERAL STRIKE DAY TO COMMEMORATE
THE MASSACRE AT QIBYA. OCTOBER 19, A GENERAL
STRIKE DAY TO PROTEST AGAINST THE SETTLERS WHO ARE
ASSISTED AND PROTECTED BY THE OCCUPATION FORCES

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AGAINST UNARMED CIVILLIANS. OCTOBER 26, A GENERAL STRIKE DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MASSACRE AT KUFR QASEM.

-- OCTOBER 11, THE BEGINNING OF THE OLIVE PICKING CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL CONTINUE IN THE OCCUPIED HOMELAND UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON.

-- OCTOBER 15, A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE BESIEGED AREAS AND CONFRONTATION WITH THE SEARCH-AND-ARREST CAMPAIGNS FREQUENTLY WAGED ON SATURDAYS.

-- OCTOBER 22, ALSO A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE BESEIGED AREAS.

-- OCTOBER 24, A DAY OF SIT-INS OUTSIDE UN OFFICES TO URGE THEM TO COMPEL ISRAEL TO BE COMMITTED TO THE UN RESOLUTIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

-- OCTOBER 29, A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BESIEGED AREAS AND CONFRONTING THE SEARCH-AND-ARREST CAMPAIGNS.

AFTER PRAYERS ON FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THE DAYS SHOULD BE DEDICATED TO CONFRONTATIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND MASSIVE MARCHES; VISITS TO MARTYR'S TOMBS; AND SEEING THE WOUNDED.

THE INTIFADA WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OUR PEOPLE ATTAIN LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE.

THE PLO
THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE INTIFADA.
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1. SUMMARY: IN AN UNUSUALLY VIOLENT WEEK, NINE PALESTINIANS WERE REPORTED KILLED, INCLUDING TWO WHO DIED OF WOUNDS SUSTAINED EARLIER. THREE ALLEGED COLLABORATORS WERE KILLED. 80 PERSONS WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING 11 ISRAELIS (3 IDF). AUTHORITIES INTENSIFIED SEARCH AND ARREST CAMPAIGNS. EAST JERUSALEM HIGH SCHOOLS WERE REOPENED. THE IDF UPROOTED OLIVE TREES IN ONE VILLAGE. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON TEN LOCATIONS. A THREE-DAY STRIKE WAS CALLED IN NABLUS TO PROTEST THE KILLING OF A MAN THERE. A GENERAL STRIKE DAY WAS OBSERVED ON OCTOBER 9 TO MARK THE START OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH OF THE INTIFADEH. THIS REPORT WAS COMPILED MAINLY FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.
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OCTOBER 4
THE IDF SPARKED A CLASH IN NABLUS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ARREST A PALESTINIAN WHO ALLEGEDLY TRIED TO STAB AN ARMY OFFICER AND GRAB HIS GUN. THE

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OFFICER OPENED FIRE, WOUNDING THE MAN. SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO OTHERS IN THE CITY.

TWO ISRAELI MOTORISTS WERE INJURED BY BROKEN GLASS WHEN ROCKS WERE THROWN AT THEIR CARS NEAR A-RAM AND QALANDIA REFUGEE CAMP, NORTH OF JERUSALEM.

OCTOBER 5

TWO SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED WHEN A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN AT THEIR JEEP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TULKAREM. A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND SOLDIERS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE SEARCHES.

A RESIDENT OF BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, WHO HAD SUFFERED WOUNDS IN A CLASH WITH SOLDIERS 10 DAYS AGO, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.

VIOLENT PROTESTS ERUPTED IN NABLUS AFTER SOLDIERS TOOK A SERIOUSLY WOUNDED PALESTINIAN YOUTH FROM THE HOSPITAL IN NABLUS TO A HOSPITAL IN ISRAEL FOR INTERROGATION AND DETENTION. SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED 10 PALESTINIANS. IDF SOURCES SAID ONLY FIVE WERE WOUNDED.

AT BEIT SAHOUR THE BABY OF AN ISRAELI SETTLER WAS CUT BY GLASS SHARDS WHEN STONES THROWN AT HIS MOTHER'S CAR BROKE A WINDOW. LATER IN THE DAY, AN UNCLASSIFIED

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ISRAELI BUS WAS STONED AND TWO OF ITS WINDOWS WERE BROKEN. PASSENGERS GOT OFF AND THREW STONES AT AN ARAB HOME AND SMASHED THE WINDOWS OF A CAR PARKED NEARBY.

OCTOBER 6

SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED ONE MAN AND WOUNDED FOUR OTHERS DURING CLASHES IN NABLUS'S OLD CITY. SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A PALESTINIAN DURING CLASHES AT TULKAREM REFUGEE CAMP AND ANOTHER IN NEARBY JAYYOUS.

TWO PASSENGERS IN AN ISRAELI BUS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN STONES SHATTERED THE WINDOWS OF THE BUS TRAVELLING ALONG THE SHUFAT ROAD IN NORTHERN JERUSALEM.

OCTOBER 7

SEVERE CLASHES WERE SPARKED IN NABLUS BY REPORTS

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OF THE FATAL SHOOTING ON OCTOBER 6. SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED FOUR PALESTINIANS: THE HIGHEST SINGLE-DAY TOLL IN SIX MONTHS. 14 OTHER PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED. LOCAL SOURCES SAID TWO OF THE KILLED WERE SHOT IN THE HEAD BY ARMY SNIPERS. A CURFEW IMPOSED REMAINS AS OF OCTOBER 10.

THE IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED NINE PALESTINIANS DURING CLASHES AT TUBAS, JENIN, JENIN REFUGEE CAMP AND ASKAR CAMP, NEAR NABLUS. ONE SOLDIER WAS LIGHTLY

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ASKAR CAMP.

OCTOBER 8

SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED ONE MAN DURING CLASHES IN
YAABAD, NEAR JENIN.

ONE RESIDENT OF EIN BEIT ILMA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR
NABLUS, DIED OF HEAD WOUNDS SUSTAINED IN CLASHES
ON SEPTEMBER 26. SEVEN OTHERS WERE SHOT AND
WOUNDED IN THE CAMP DURING THE MAN'S FUNERAL.

BLACK FLAGS FLEW IN NABLUS AND SCATTERED CLASHES
AND DEMONSTRATIONS WERE REPORTED DESPITE THE
CURFEW. SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE
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PALESTINIANS.

IN TULKAREM, IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE
PALESTINIANS DURING A CLASH. STORES IN TULKAREM,
QALQILYA AND JENIN WERE CLOSED OCTOBER 7, 8 AND 9,
IN MOURNING FOR THE DEAD.
AT RAMALLAH, IDF SHOT AND KILLED A YOUTH WHEN
SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE AFTER THEIR LOOKOUT POST WAS
STONED.

OCTOBER 9

SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE, KILLING TWO VILLAGERS, WHEN
AN IDF SWEEP ON YATTA, SOUTH OF HEBRON,
ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE.

AFTER SOLDIERS COMPLETED A SWEEP AT KUFR NI'MEH,
NEAR RAMALLAH, YOUTHS RAISED PALESTINIAN FLAGS ON
TELEPHONE LINES AND STONED ISRAELI CARS. SOLDIERS
SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE YOUTHS.

THE IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED NINE OTHER PALESTINIAN
YOUTHS DURING CLASHES IN TULKAREM, HEBRON, SAIR,
NEAR HEBRON, ORTAS, NEAR BETHLEHEM AND JALAZONE
REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR RAMALLAH.

OCTOBER 10

SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A YOUTH DURING A RAID ON

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ATTIL VILLAGE, NEAR TULKAREM.

DURING A RAID ON BAL'A, TULKAREM DISTRICT, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED FOUR PALESTINIANS. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED. FOUR PERSONS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED IN OTHER CLASHES IN TULKAREM DISTRICT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THREE OTHERS IN JENIN.

AN ISRAELI BUS DRIVER AND TWO PASSENGERS WERE LIGHTLY INJURED BY SHATTERED WINDOW-GLASS WHEN A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN AT AN ISRAELI BUS, NEAR SHUFAT, IN NORTHERN JERUSALEM.

3. SEARCH-AND-ARREST IN EAST JERUSALEM

OCTOBER 4

HUNDREDS OF JERUSALEM POLICEMEN PARTICIPATED IN A SWEEP OF THE SILWAN AND ABU TOR NEIGHBORHOODS, ROUNDING UP SUSPECTED INCITERS AS A REACTION TO RECENT DISTURBANCES, ESPECIALLY THE ATTACKS ON POLICEMEN STATIONED IN THE AREA. POLICE CONTINUED ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6 TO CHECK THE PAPERS OF RESIDENTS.

4. EAST JERUSALEM SCHOOLS REOPEN

OCTOBER 4-6

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN EAST JERUSALEM OPENED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SCHOOL YEAR ON OCTOBER 4. SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPENED ON OCTOBER 6. THE OPENING WAS POSTPONED FROM SEPTEMBER 1 FOR SECURITY REASONS. AFTER DISTURBANCES AT THE SECONDARY CLASSES OF THE FRERE'S COLLEGE, STUDENTS WERE ORDERED HOME. SCHOOL REOPENED OCTOBER 10.

5. ATTACKS ON SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS

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OCTOBER 5
ACCORDING TO THE MAYOR OF ARIEL SETTLEMENT NEAR
TULKAREM, THE MUKHTAR OF ZAYTA, A NEARBY ARAB
VILLAGE, WAS ATTACKED BY AXE-WIELDING ASSAILANTS
AT HIS HOME ON OCTOBER 1 AND WAS RESCUED BY THE
IDF. THE MAYOR CHARGED THAT THE IDF HAD
DELIBERATELY CONCEALED THE INCIDENT.

OCTOBER 6
MASKED ASSAILANTS SHOT AND KILLED TWO PALESTINIANS
CONSIDERED TO BE COLLABORATORS WITH THE ISRAELI
AUTHORITIES. THE MUKHTAR OF BIDDIYA, SOUTH EAST
OF QALQILYA, WAS GUNNED DOWN WITH A KALCHNIKOV
RIFLE AND HIS BODY WAS PUT IN HIS CAR, WHICH WAS
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SET ABLAZE. HIS TWO YOUNG SONS WERE LIGHTLY INJURED. SOLDIERS IMPOSED CURFEW ON THE VILLAGE AND CONDUCTED A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH. THE SECOND SLAYING OCCURRED IN UM AL-FAHM, AN ISRAELI ARAB VILLAGE WITHIN THE GREEN LINE. MASKED ASSAILANTS APPROACHED AHMAD ZA'ROUR, 25 OF ANIN VILLAGE, WEST OF JENIN AND FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT HIS HEAD. ZA'ROUR HAD BEEN LIVING IN UM AL-FAHM FOR TWO MONTHS SINCE HE WAS BANISHED FROM HIS VILLAGE BY MEMBERS OF FATAH'S SHABIBA YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR SHOOTING AND WOUNDING THREE VILLAGERS AFTER HIS CAR WAS STONED.

OCTOBER 7

A SUSPECTED COLLABORATOR WAS FOUND STABBED TO DEATH IN A CAVE AT BURQA, NEAR NABLUS.

6. 3 DAY STRIKE PROTESTING NABLUS KILLINGS

OCTOBER 7

A 3 DAY STRIKE WAS CALLED IN NABLUS TO PROTEST THE KILLING OF TWO RESIDENTS THE DAY BEFORE.

7. GENERAL STRIKE

OCTOBER 9

A GENERAL STRIKE, CALLED BY THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE INTIFADA, WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO MARK THE START OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH OF THE INTIFADA.

8. CURFEWS AND CLOSURE OF VILLAGE ROADS

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OCTOBER 4

AUTHORITIES CLOSED OFF THE ROADS LEADING TO THE VILLAGES OF NABI SALEH AND BEIT RIMA, RAMALLAH DISTRICT, IN THE AFTERMATH OF DISTURBANCES AND DECLARED THEM CLOSED MILITARY ZONES.

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AUTHORITIES IMPOSED CURFEW ON NABLUS AFTER VIOLENT DISTURBANCES AND SHOOTING. THEY CONDUCTED HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCHES AND MADE ARRESTS.

CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON BIDYA, NEAR QALQILYA, AND ON THE ASKAR AND BALATA REFUGEE CAMPS NEAR NABLUS.

9. OLIVE TREES UPROOTED

OCTOBER 4

ISRAELI BULLDOZERS UPROOTED 40 FRUIT-BEARING OLIVE TREES ALONG A MAIN ROAD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF NABLUS, CLAIMING THAT STONES WERE THROWN AT ISRAELI VEHICLES FROM THE ORCHARD.

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2. SUMMARY. OCTOBER 7 WAS THE WORST DAY IN SIX MONTHS, AS FOUR PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED IN CLASHES IN NABLUS. VIOLENCE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN WEST BANK, AND OTHER INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN EAST JERUSALEM, THE SOUTHERN WEST BANK, AND THE GAZA STRIP. THE OCTOBER 9 GENERAL STRIKE WAS UNIFORMLY OBSERVED BY PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM. IT WAS MARKED BY AGGRESSIVE IDF SEARCH-AND-ARREST OPERATIONS IN 30 WEST BANK VILLAGES. TWO WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST 25 WOUNDED IN RELATED VIOLENCE. END SUMMARY.
3. THE NORTHERN WEST BANK ERUPTED OCTOBER 7-9
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IN ONE OF THE MOST VIOLENT WEEKENDS SINCE THE START OF THE UPRISING. AT LEAST NINE PALESTINIANS DIED AND OVER 75 WERE INJURED IN CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES CENTERING IN NABLUS AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS, BUT ALSO SPREADING TO THE REMAINDER OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,

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INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM. CURFEWS WERE IMPOSED ON NABLUS AND THE SURROUNDING REFUGEE CAMPS.

4. THE CATALYST WAS NABLUS, WHERE FOUR WERE SHOT AND KILLED OCTOBER 7 IN PROTESTS FOLLOWING TWO SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN NABLUS THE PREVIOUS DAY. IN THE FIRST, SHOTS WERE FIRED THURSDAY IN THE VICINITY OF A MOSQUE WHERE YOUTHS HAD FLED AFTER A STONING INCIDENT. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER SHOTS WERE ACTUALLY FIRED INTO THE MOSQUE, BUT NABLUS RESIDENTS THE FOLLOWING DAY, FRIDAY, RIOTED OUTSIDE THE MOSQUE AND IN SEVERAL OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS--DESPITE ISRAELI ASSURANCES BROADCAST OVER LOUDSPEAKERS THAT FRIDAY PRAYERS WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED.

5. THE SECOND INCIDENT WHICH APPARENTLY SPARKED THE DISTURBANCES OCCURRED THURSDAY EVENING WHEN A WOUNDED PALESTINIAN YOUTH, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BLEED TO DEATH WHILE HIS HANDS WERE BOUND BEHIND HIS BACK BY IDF TROOPS. ALL FOUR FRIDAY DEATHS, AS WELL AS SEVERAL CRITICAL INJURIES, RESULTED FROM BULLET WOUNDS TO THE UPPER BODY AND HEAD. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER LIVE AMMUNITION OR PLASTIC BULLETS WERE RESPONSIBLE.

6. A GENERAL STRIKE IN PROTEST OF THE KILLINGS
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WAS DECLARED SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK. NABLUS WAS ALREADY UNDER CURFEW; STORES IN TULKAREM, KALKILYA, AND JENIN CLOSED IN SOLIDARITY. IN NABLUS, YOUTHS DEFILED THE CURFEW TO RAISE BLACK FLAGS IN HONOR OF THE SLAIN PALESTINIANS. A PALESTINIAN WAS KILLED NEAR JENIN, ANOTHER DIED OF WOUNDS SUSTAINED SEPTEMBER 26, AND THIRD WAS KILLED IN RAMALLAH.

7. THE OCTOBER 9 GENERAL STRIKE, WHICH WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK, GAZA, AND EAST JERUSALEM TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH OF THE INTIFADA, WAS MET BY AGGRESSIVE IDF SEARCH-AND-ARREST RAIDS IN AT LEAST 30 WEST BANK VILLAGES. THE VIOLENCE CONTINUED, WITH TWO KILLED IN YATTA, NEAR HEBRON, AND AT LEAST 25 INJURED THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK.

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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 HOURS ON OCTOBER 11, A SMALL ROCK WAS THROWN AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE NABLUS ROAD, CONSULAR SECTION. THE ROCK, SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN THE PALM OF THE HAND, HIT A PANE OF GLASS ON A WINDOW OF THE SECOND FLOOR, MAKING A SMALL HOLE. MYLAR PREVENTED THE GLASS FROM SHATTERING. NO ONE WAS INJURED

2. THE ROCK WAS THROWN FROM NABLUS ROAD. SINCE THE INTIFADA BEGAN, AREA SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE THROWN STONES AS SCHOOL LET OUT AROUND NOON. PREVIOUSLY NO KNOWN STONES HAD BEEN DIRECTED AT THE CONSULATE LOCATION.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PREVIOUS INCIDENTS OF STONE THROWING DIRECTED AT CONSULATE.
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2. THIS IS THE MOST PLACID ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN MEMORY. THE PUBLIC IS APATHETIC. RALLIES ARE WEAKLY ATTENDED, BUMPER STICKERS ARE RARE AND SIGNS OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY MINIMAL. THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY GOOD FOR ISRAEL AND MUCH OF WHAT THE TWO SENIOR PARTNERS IN THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT SEEM TO BE ARGUING ABOUT IS WHO SHOULD TAKE THE CREDIT. PERHAPS THE PARTICIPATION OF LIKUD AND LABOR IN THE NUG MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE PUBLIC TO TAKE THE POTSHOTS OF THE TWO AT EACH OTHER AS NEW OR SOMETHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT.
3. THERE IS LITTLE TO BE SEEN OF THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL POLARIZATION THAT TURNED THE 1981 CAMPAIGN

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VIOLENT. ALTHOUGH LABOR PERSONALITIES HAVE FACED SOME LIKUD-ORGANIZED PROTESTS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL THIS WEEK, THE ANTIPATHY TO LABOR FROM SEPHARDIM (JEWS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN ORIGIN) SEEMS MUCH LESS THAN IN THE PAST. STILL, LABOR SEEMS UNLIKELY TO MAKE MUCH OF A DENT IN THIS ELECTION IN

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THE PRIMARILY SEPHARDI AND HEAVILY LIKUD POOR URBAN AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT TOWNS.

4. LIKUD RETAINS THE ABILITY TO HEAT THINGS UP -- BY ACTIVATING ITS SUPPORTERS IN THE STREET -- BUT ARENS PREFERS A LOW-KEY CAMPAIGN AIMED AT THE FLOATING VOTE BETWEEN LABOR AND LIKUD. DAVID LEVY AND SHARON, WHO ARE BEST AT BRINGING LIKUD'S CROWDS INTO THE STREET, HAVE BEEN KEPT ON THE MARGINS OF LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN.

5. THE PARTIES ARE BANKING A LOT ON THE TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCASTS THAT STARTED OCT. 4. THEIR OTHER EFFORTS -- PRESSING THE FLESH, RALLIES, NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING AND WRITTEN HANDOUTS -- REACH A FRACTION OF THE TV AUDIENCE AND ARE RECEIVING LESS EMPHASIS. SO FAR, THE PARTIES ARE TRYING A SERIOUS APPROACH AND FEW GIMMICKS. LABOR AND LIKUD ARE PLAYING A SAFE CAMPAIGN. THEIR TEAMS SEEM TO HAVE LEARNED THE LESSONS OF PAST FAILURES AND ARE TRYING TO AVOID REPEATING THEM. AT THIS POINT, THE CAMPAIGN HAS TAKEN THE FORM PRIMARILY OF A WAR OF PARTY SPOKESMEN AND TELEVISION ADS, DESCRIBED BY THE PRINT AND MEDIA JOURNALISTS WHO COVER THEM.

6. THE ELECTION BROADCASTS DEAL WITH THE FAMILIAR ISSUES: PEACE, SECURITY AND THE ECONOMY. LABOR BLAMES LIKUD FOR THE LEBANON WAR AND INFLATION, WHILE TAKING CREDIT FOR SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. LIKUD

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BLAMES LABOR FOR THE HISTADRUT'S PROBLEMS AND A (POLITICAL) PARTY ECONOMY, WHILE TAKING CREDIT FOR THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. ALMOST EVERY PARTY HAS DRAWN ON ONE OR MORE OF ITS GENERALS TO BLESS ITS PITCH ON SECURITY. LABOR IS PUSHING FORWARD ITS NEW SEPHARDI FACES, INCLUDING SDEROT MAYOR AMIR PERETZ TO DAMN SPENDING ON SETTLEMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT TOWNS. LIKUD IS STRESSING THAT IT WILL DELIVER REAL PEACE, PERSONAL SECURITY, A FREE ECONOMY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. NEW LIKUD STARS BIBI NETHANYAHU AND BENNY BEGIN ARE BROUGHT OUT TO ATTACK PERES ON THE PEACE PROCESS. LIKUD IS ALSO TRYING TO IDENTIFY LABOR WITH A RETURN TO THE 1967 BORDERS AND A WILLINGNESS TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE PLO. MANY PARTIES ARE TRYING TO USE THE INTIFADA BUT THE RIGHT AND THE SMALL RIGHTWING PARTIES SEEM LIKELY TO BENEFIT MOST. SO FAR, HOWEVER, NO ISSUES SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT FIRE. THE SPICY ALLEGATION OF LABOR SPYING ON LIKUD EVAPORATED AFTER A FEW DAYS IN THE

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7. LIKUD AND LABOR ARE SO MUCH LARGER THAN THE SMALLER PARTIES AND TEND TO OVERSHADOW THEM DURING THE CAMPAIGN, ESPECIALLY IN TV ELECTION BROADCASTING. BUT THE SMALL PARTIES HAVE GOTTEN A FEW GOOD SHOTS IN AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LARGER ONES.

8. MOST OF TODAY'S POLLS SUGGEST A SLIGHT LABOR LEAD OVER LIKUD AND A TIE BETWEEN THE BLOCS, ALTHOUGH ONE POLL (WHICH SOME FAULT FOR THE HANDLING OF ITS DATA) REPORTS A LARGE LIKUD LEAD OVER LABOR AND A SOLID RIGHT/RELIGIOUS MAJORITY. AT THIS POINT, NEITHER WE NOR THE LOCAL EXPERTS/PUNDITS THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO CALL THE ELECTION. LIKUD HOLDS CERTAIN ADVANTAGES OVER LABOR DUE TO DEMOGRAPHY (STRONG SEPHARDI AND

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FIRST-TIME VOTER SUPPORT FOR LIKUD), BECAUSE KACH'S DISQUALIFICATION WOULD RESULT IN ITS VOTES GOING MOSTLY TO LIKUD AND PARTIES AVAILABLE FOR A NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION, AND SINCE ARAB DEFECTIONS FROM LABOR TO THE OTHER LEFT PARTIES ARE EXPECTED. BUT LABOR MAY DO WELL WITH ITS PEACE-SECURITY DUO IN PERES-RABIN AND ITS SUPERIOR ORGANIZATION, WHICH WOULD HELP ESTABLISH A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A LIKUD-LED NARROW GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE FRAGMENTATION OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES, I.E., WHO WILL BE AROUND (AND IN WHAT STRENGTH) COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON THE POST-ELECTION FORMATION NEGOTIATIONS. STAY TUNED.

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2. SUMMARY: TELEVISION AND RADIO ELECTION
BROADCASTS HAVE STARTED BUT THIS IS, SO FAR, THE
QUIETEST CAMPAIGN IN MEMORY. LIKUD CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR
ARENS BELIEVES HIS PARTY IS AHEAD OF LABOR BUT
SUGGESTED THE RACE WAS SO CLOSE HE COULD NOT TELL HOW
THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK. LABOR CAMPAIGN
ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR SHOHAT IS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN
HE WAS A MONTH AGO REGARDING LABOR'S PROSPECTS AND
THINKS THE PARTY COULD GARNER THE 42 SEATS IT IS
WINNING IN MOST POLLS (AND POSSIBLY GAIN A BLOCKING
MAJORITY AGAINST A LIKUD-LED NARROW GOVERNMENT).

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THREE POLLS REPORT LABOR SLIGHTLY AHEAD OF LIKUD,
WITH THE CENTER/LEFT AND RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOCKS
RUNNING NECK AND NECK. ANOTHER POLL, HOWEVER,
REPORTS A STRONG LIKUD ADVANTAGE OVER LABOR AND A
SOLID RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOC MAJORITY. KAHANE'S KACH

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PARTY WAS DISQUALIFIED BY THE KNESSET CENTRAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (KCEC), WHILE THE NON-ZIONIST AND MOSTLY ISRAELI ARAB PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN. KAHANE IS APPEALING THE KCEC'S RULING TO THE SUPREME COURT. END SUMMARY.

ASSESSMENTS

3. LIKUD: CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR ARENS TOLD US OCT. 4 HE THINKS LIKUD WILL WIN MORE SEATS THAN LABOR AND WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO FORM A NARROW GOVERNMENT AFTER THE ELECTION. BUT HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE A TIGHT RACE AND HE WOULD NOT GUESS WHAT THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK LIKE (SEE TEL AVIV 14313).

4. LIKUD: CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIRECTOR MK OLMERT IS OPTIMISTIC LIKUD WILL BEAT LABOR 48 TO 38 SEATS. HE EXPECTED THE CAMPAIGN TO HEAT UP SOON AND GALVANIZE LIKUD'S TRADITIONAL SUPPORTERS.

5. LABOR: CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR SHOHAT TOLD US OCT. 4 HE WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN HE HAD BEEN A MONTH AGO AND NOW FELT LABOR COULD WIN THE 42 SEATS THE POLLS WERE GIVING IT (AND GIVE IT A SHOT AT A BLOCKING MAJORITY AGAINST A NARROW LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT). HE CREDITED LABOR'S IMPROVED PROSPECTS TO ITS SUCCESSFUL TELEPHONE PROJECT AND THE SO FAR QUIET CAMPAIGN WHICH HE THOUGHT WORKED TO LABOR'S

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ADVANTAGE.

6. LABOR: KNESSET CANDIDATE ELI BEN-MENAHM (WHO COMES FROM AND HEADS THE POOR URBAN AREAS SECTION OF THE PARTY) AND YERUHAM DEVELOPMENT TOWN MAYOR BARUCH ALMAKAIS BOTH TOLD US LABOR WAS GETTING A BETTER HEARING IN THESE AREAS. NONETHELESS, THEY DID NOT BELIEVE LABOR WOULD MAKE MUCH OF A DENT IN THIS ELECTION IN LIKUD'S STRENGTH AMONG THE PRIMARILY SEPHARDI VOTERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT TOWNS AND POOR URBAN AREAS.

CENTRAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

7. ON OCT. 5, THE KNESSET CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE DISQUALIFIED KAHANE'S KACH FROM RUNNING IN THE NOVEMBER 1 ELECTIONS. KAHANE PLANS TO APPEAL THE RULING IN THE SUPREME COURT ON OCT. 7. IF THE COURT

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UPHOLDS KACH'S DISQUALIFICATION, MOST OF ITS SUPPORTERS WILL LIKELY VOTE LIKUD. ON OCT. 6, THE KCEC VOTED BY A ONE-VOTE MARGIN TO ALLOW THE NON-ZIONIST AND PRIMARILY ISRAELI ARAB-BACKED PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE TO RUN IN THE ELECTIONS. LIKUD AND TEHIYA PLAN TO APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE SUPREME COURT. EARLIER, THE KCEC DISQUALIFIED THE UNITED YEMENITE LIST DUE TO A LACK OF SUFFICIENT VALID SIGNATURES IN ITS APPLICATION.

POLLS

8. DAHAF (LIKUD-COMMISSIONED) AND DECIMA (LABOR-COMMISSIONED) POLL RESULTS RELEASED TODAY REPORT LABOR HOLDS A SLIGHT EDGE OVER LIKUD AND THAT THE CENTER/LEFT AND RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOCS ARE RUNNING A DEAD HEAT. THE DAHAF POLL WAS TAKEN IN FACE-TO-FACE

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INTERVIEWS OF 662 JEWISH ISRAELIS AFTER THE FIRST TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCASTS ON OCT. 4, WHILE THE DECIMA SURVEY OF 1,000 PERSONS WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. A MAARIV NEWSPAPER-COMMISSIONED POLL OF 500 PERSONS SURVEYED BY TELEPHONE ALSO REPORTED LABOR A BIT AHEAD OF LIKUD (43-39) AND THE BLOCS EVEN. SOME 25 PERCENT OF THIS GROUP SAID THEY STILL WERE UNCERTAIN FOR WHOM TO VOTE. A MODI'IN EZRAHI SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTED LIKUD FAR AHEAD OF LABOR AND THE RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOC AS HOLDING A SOLID MAJORITY. (WE NOTE THAT THESE POLLS WERE CONDUCTED BEFORE THE DIVISION OF THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX INTO FOUR PARTIES AND THE KCEC DISQUALIFICATION OF KACH.)

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9. TABLE OF POLL RESULTS FOLLOWS:

| PARTY | DAHAF | DECIMA | MODI'IN | MAARIV |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| - | EZRAHI | | | |
| ALIGNMENT (LABOR PARTY) | 42 | 42PLUS | 34 | 43 |
| CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT | 5 | 9MINUS | 8 | - |
| MAPAM | 3 | 1 | 2 | - |
| CENTER-SHINUI | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| SMALL LEFT PARTIES TOTAL | | | | 9 |
| HADASH(COMMUNISTS) | 6 | 6 | - | - |
| PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| NON-ZIONIST LEFT TOTAL | | 8 | 8 | |
| LIKUD | 41 | 37 | 41 | 39 |
| TEHIYA | 5 | 6 | 7 | - |
| TZOMET | 2 | 2 | 2 | - |
| KACH | 3 | 3 | 6 | - |
| SMALL RIGHTS PARTIES TOTAL | | | | 11 |
| NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY | 4 | 4 | 4 | - |
| AGUDAT ISRAEL | 2 | 3MINUS | 3 | - |

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RELIGIOUS PARTIES TOTAL 10

10. MAARIV ALSO REPORTED THAT LIKUD COMMISSIONED A SEPARATE TELEPHONE SURVEY OF 820 PERSONS WHICH WAS CONDUCTED LAST WEEK. THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOWED LIKUD

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AND LABOR IN A DEAD HEAT AND A 62-58 ADVANTAGE FOR A RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOC:

LIKUD - 42
TEHIYA - 5
TZOMET - 2

KACH - 3

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY - 4
SHAS - 4
AGUDAT ISRAEL - 2

LABOR - 42
CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT - 5
MAPAM - 3
CENTER-SHINUI - 1

HADASH (COMMUNISTS) - 5
PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE - 2

11. THE MAARIV COMMISSIONED SURVEY ALSO ASKED WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNMENT THOSE INTERVIEWED PREFERRED. UNDECIDED VOTERS PREFERRED A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT - 36 PERCENT; NARROW RIGHT - 33 PERCENT; AND NARROW LEFT - 30 PERCENT. THE SAMPLE MINUS THE UNDECIDED VOTERS PREFERRED A NARROW RIGHT GOVERNMENT - 38 PERCENT; NARROW LEFT - 32.5 PERCENT; AND NUG - 29.5 PERCENT.

12. THE MAARIV SURVEY ALSO ASKED IF TELEVISION ELECTION BROADCASTING CONVINCED PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR VIEWS. SOME 85 PERCENT SAID THEY WERE NOT INFLUENCED BY THE ADVERTISING, WHILE 15 PERCENT SAID THEY WERE. SOME 11 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY

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DECIDED ON THEIR VOTE SAID THE ADVERTISING
MIGHT INFLUENCE THEM (TO CHANGE THEIR VIEWS). SOME
80 PERCENT OF THE UNDECIDED SAID THEY WOULD MAKE UP
THEIR MINDS WITHOUT BEING INFLUENCED BY THE
ADVERTISING, WHILE 20 PERCENT SAID THEY WERE
INFLUENCED.

TELEVISION/RADIO ELECTION BROADCASTING

13. TELEVISED POLITICAL BROADCASTS BEGAN ON OCT. 4
AND RADIO POLITICAL ADVERTISING THE DAY AFTER. THE
BROADCASTS HAVE BEEN MORE SERIOUS THAN IN 1984 AND
HAVE FOCUSED ON THE KEY PERSONALITIES, BASIC THEMES
AND SIMPLE MESSAGES. ASIDE FROM A FEW NASTY JABS,
THE MUD-SLINGING HAS NOT YET BEGUN.

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14. PARTY LEADERS AND CANDIDATES HAVE STARTED TO GET
OUT TO PRESS THE FLESH. POLITICAL RALLIES THIS WEEK
FEATURING SHAMIR AND ARENS WHICH WE ATTENDED WERE
SPARSELY ATTENDED. PERES WENT OUT TO RAMLA, A MIXED
JEWISH-ARAB TOWN WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF SEPHARDI.

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JEWS INCLINED TO THE RIGHTWING PARTIES, AND RAN INTO A PROTEST ORGANIZED BY LIKUD SUPPORTERS. AFTERWARDS, HOWEVER, PERES WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY THE CROWD IN THE OPEN-AIR MARKET.

15. NO FURTHER DETAILS HAVE APPEARED TO CORROBORATE THE HAARETZ NEWSPAPER PRESS ALLEGATION THAT THE LABOR PARTY HAS BEEN "SPYING" ON LIKUD. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL ALSO DECIDED THERE WAS "INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE" TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGATION.

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 2. EMBASSY'S REF A REPORTS THAT RABIN'S AIDE, LT. COL. HEFETZ, TOLD CHARGE SEPT 19 THAT AL MASRI IS NOT FREE TO TRAVEL TO JORDAN AND RETURN TO NABLUS, NOTWITHSTANDING RABIN'S EARLIER ASSURANCES TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE MASRI FAMILY WAS CLEAN.
 3. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT THIS CASE INVOLVES THE REQUEST OF MAHER AL MASRI, THE NEPHEW OF HIKMAT AL MASRI (AND BROTHER OF JORDAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER TAHER AL-MASRI), TO VISIT HIS HOME AND FAMILY IN JORDAN TEMPORARILY AND TO RETURN TO NABLUS, WHERE HE OPERATES THE MASRIS' VEGETABLE OIL PLANT. (THE PLANT WAS FORMERLY RUN BY THE LATE ZAFIR AL MASRI.) MAHER AND HIS UNCLE HIKMAT HAVE INSISTED TO US THAT THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED IN TRANSFER OF CURRENCY TO THE PLO OR
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THE INTIFADA AND THAT ANY INSINUATION THAT THE TRADITIONAL PAYMENTS WHICH THE AL MASRIS HAVE MADE FOR DECADES TO MEMBERS OF THEIR LARGE CLAN IN THE NABLUS AREA ARE FOR SUBVERSIVE PURPOSES IS ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED.

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4. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY CONVINCING REASON WHY MAHER SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO JORDAN AND RETURN, WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY RAISE THIS AGAIN WITH RABIN HIMSELF. I SUGGEST THE POINT BE MADE AGAIN THAT THE AL MASRIS ARE A SUBSTANTIAL, CONSERVATIVE FAMILY WITH A STRONG POSITION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE JORDAN RIVER. QUITE APART FROM THE UNFAIRNESS ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS OF FORBIDDING MAHER TO VISIT HIS FAMILY AND RETURN, SUCH ACTION AGAINST A PROMINANT JORDANIAN WHO ALSO HAS STRONG TIES WITH THE NABLUS COMMUNITY IS WRONGHEADED.
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2. SUMMARY: LIKUD CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR ARENS BELIEVES IT WILL BE A TIGHT RACE BUT HIS PARTY WILL "WIN" THE NOVEMBER 1 ELECTION. DESPITE THIS EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE, HE WAS UNPREPARED TO HAZARD A GUESS OVER WHAT THE SHAPE OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE. END SUMMARY.
3. LIKUD CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR MISHA ARENS TOLD US ON OCT. 5 THAT IT WOULD BE A "TIGHT RACE." HE THOUGHT LIKUD WOULD "WIN" (MORE SEATS THAN LABOR), SUGGESTING AT ONE POINT LIKUD WOULD GARNER 45 SEATS. BUT ARENS WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK LIKE. HE THOUGHT LIKUD HAD THE ADVANTAGE OVER LABOR IN FORMING A NARROW COALITION BECAUSE IT HAD MORE

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POTENTIAL COALITION PARTNERS. IF THERE WERE A NARROW COALITION, IT WOULD REST ON A BARE HANDFUL OF SEATS. HE STRESSED THAT THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE WOULD PLAY A



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PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE ELECTION RESULTS. HE ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE "SURPRISE" AT THE INCREASED SUPPORT LIKUD WILL GET FROM THE ISRAELI ARABS. (LIKUD WON 4.7 PERCENT OF THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE IN 1984 AND WE ARE SKEPTICAL IT COULD WIN MUCH MORE.) HE RULED OUT KAHANE'S KACH PARTY AS A LIKUD COALITION PARTNER "UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES." MOREOVER, HE THOUGHT CHANCES WERE HIGH KACH'S DISQUALIFICATION BY THE KNESSET ELECTIONS COMMITTEE WOULD BE UPHELD BY THE SUPREME COURT.

4. THERE WAS NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL BALANCE OF FORCES ACCORDING TO LIKUD'S LATEST POLL, ARENS SAID. DAHAF'S LATEST DATA GAVE THE RIGHT/RELIGIOUS BLOC 61 SEATS (INCLUDING 2 FOR KACH) AND THE CENTER/LEFT BLOC 59 SEATS. HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT TAKE SUCH CALCULATIONS OF SEATS TOO SERIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY WERE BASED ON TOO MANY ESTIMATES AND PROBABILITIES (I.E., THE NUMBER OF VALID VOTES AND THE CALCULATIONS FOR SEATS AND THE MINIMUM 1 PERCENT THRESHOLD, THE VOTE OF THE UNDECIDED, THE ARAB VOTE, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS VOTES).

5. ARENS RULED OUT THE THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY NEW ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IF THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION IS A DEAD HEAT BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR. NEW ELECTIONS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY RESULT IN DIFFERENT RESULTS, HE NOTED. HE SAID A TIE BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR COULD WELL LEAD TO ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.



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6. ARENS NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD ADVOCATED A NUG IN 1984, HE PREFERRED A NARROW LIKUD-LED COALITION NOW. HE ARGUED PERES HAD BEEN A "DISAPPOINTMENT" AND HAD NOT "PLAYED BY THE AGREED RULES" AFTER THE ROTATION. WHILE SHAMIR HAD ACCEPTED PERES' AUTHORITY AS PRIME MINISTER DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE GOVERNMENT, PERES HAD NEVER ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT HE WAS NUMBER TWO WHEN SHAMIR WAS PRIME MINISTER. ARENS SAID HE WOULD NOT TRUST PERES TO PLAY BY THE RULES IN ANOTHER NUG; A NUG INVOLVING PERES WOULD BE A DEADLOCKED GOVERNMENT INCAPABLE OF ACTION.

7. ARENS HAD A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS RABIN. HE ASSERTED RABIN WOULD NEVER HAVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITHOUT FIRST GETTING CABINET SUPPORT. IN ANY CASE, THE ELECTION

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RESULTS WOULD DETERMINE THE SHAPE OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, NOT PARTY PREFERENCES. HE DOUBTED PERES WOULD BE PREPARED TO PLAY SECOND FIDDLE IN A SHAMIR-LED NUG. ARENS THEN MUSED THAT IF THERE WERE A STANDOFF BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR, SHAMIR AND PERES MIGHT BOW OUT AND LEAVE OTHERS TO FORM A NUG.

8. ARENS SAID LIKUD HAD FOUR TARGETS IN THE CAMPAIGN: VOTERS WAVERING BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR; BETWEEN LIKUD AND THE SMALL RIGHTWING PARTIES; BETWEEN LIKUD AND THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES; AND THE NON-JEWISH VOTER. LIKUD'S PRIORITY TARGETS WOULD BE VOTERS BETWEEN LIKUD AND LABOR AND THE NON-JEWISH VOTERS, BECAUSE VOTES GAINED BY THE LIKUD IN THESE TWO GROUPS WOULD COME AT THE DIRECT EXPENSE OF THE LEFT. HE THOUGHT LIKUD COULD "LOCALIZE" ITS APPEALS TO THESE TARGET GROUPS WITHOUT ITS SPECIALIZED

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MESSAGES CLASHING WITH EACH OTHER.

9. ARENS DID NOT THINK IT WAS IN LIKUD'S INTEREST TO TAKE ON TEHIYA IN THE CAMPAIGN (AT THE EXPENSE OF SEEKING VOTES IN THE CENTER OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM), AND SUGGESTED LIKUD WOULD NOT DO SO. WE ASKED IF THE FOCUS ON THE FLOATING VOTERS MEANT THE LIKUD CAMPAIGN DID NOT SEE THE NEED TO GO AFTER THE TRADITIONAL LIKUD CONSTITUENCY AS PROPOSED BY DAVID LEVY. HE ARGUED THAT THE PARTY CAMPAIGN RUN BY HIM AND THE EFFORTS BY LEVY (AND SHARON) TO APPEAL TO THE LIKUD FAITHFUL WOULD NOT CUT ACROSS EACH OTHER.

10. WE ASKED ARENS WHETHER THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES PREFERRED TO GO WITH LIKUD OR LABOR. HE SAID NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY LEADER SHAKI AND THE NRP'S

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CONSTITUENCY WERE NATURALLY INCLINED TO LIKUD, BUT HE WOULD NOT TOTALLY EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THE NRP MIGHT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS OPT FOR LABOR. HE THOUGHT THE OTHER RELIGIOUS PARTIES WERE ALSO NATURALLY INCLINED TO LIKUD; THEIR LEADERS MIGHT PREFER LABOR BUT THEY WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEIR SUPPORTERS WHO PREFER LIKUD. THE NEW MEMAD COULD GO WITH EITHER LIKUD OR LABOR, HE THOUGHT.

11. ARENS NOTED THAT THE CALM OF THE CAMPAIGN SO FAR MYSTIFIED HIM. WE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS (LOW-KEY PARTY CAMPAIGNS, THE NUG AS AN INHIBITOR, PUBLIC APATHY) BUT HE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS PERPLEXED. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT THE CAMPAIGN WOULD SOON HEAT UP.

12. WE ASKED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE INTIFADA ON THE ELECTORATE. HE SAID THE INTIFADA HAD A "SOBERING EFFECT," SHOWING THAT PEACEMAKING WAS NO EASY MATTER AND THAT ISRAEL HAD TO BE CAREFUL AND STRONG. BUT HE SAID HE HAD NO HARD DATA ON THE ELECTORAL INFLUENCE OF THE INTIFADA.

13. WE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE ALLEGATION

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OF LABOR SPYING ON LIKUD. HE SAID HE COULD NOT TELL WHAT IMPACT THE ISSUE WOULD HAVE; IT ALL DEPENDED ON WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CONFIRMATION OF THE ALLEGATION. ARENS SUGGESTED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING BEHIND THE STORY, SAYING "WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE." (COMMENT: NO HARD EVIDENCE HAS APPEARED TO BACK UP THE CHARGE AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAS STATED THERE IS "INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE" FOR A PROBE.)

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1. SUMMARY: BETWEEN 16 AND 25 GAZANS WERE WOUNDED IN THE PERIOD AND NO ONE WAS KILLED. THESE WERE SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN BOTH CATEGORIES FROM THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA, WE ESTIMATE 90 GAZANS KILLED. STATISTICS ON WOUNDED ARE MUCH MORE VARIABLE, BUT ARE IN THE THOUSANDS. THE IDF SLAPPED CURFEWS ON MUCH OF GAZA ON OCT 3, ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT TROUBLE ON THAT GENERAL STRIKE DAY. A GENERAL STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED OCT 6 AND OCT 7 BY ISLAMIC JIHAD, AND ON OCT 9 BY UNLU AND HAMAS. A RELIGIOUS LEADER HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION AND A GAZA WOMAN ADMINISTRATIVELY DETAINED. IN APPEALS AGAINST PRE-TRIAL DETENTION OF FOUR SOLDIERS ACCUSED IN

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BEATING DEATH, BEATINGS HAVE BEEN CALLED STANDARD PRACTICE. IDF CHIEF OF STAFF SHOMRON SAYS PLASTIC BULLETS ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT OR DISPERSE RIOTS AND ACKNOWLEDGES INCREASED INJURIES, BUT CLAIMS

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DECREASED DEATHS. GAZA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS MAY OPEN
OCT 10. END SUMMARY

2. BETWEEN 16 AND 25 WOUNDED:

-- ON SEPT 30, FIVE GAZA RESIDENTS WERE WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH IDF SOLDIERS -- TWO FROM SHATI REFUGEE CAMP; ONE FROM RAFAH TOWN; AND TWO FROM NUSAIRAT CAMP, WHERE SOME 200 YOUTHS REPORTEDLY PUT UP STONE BARRICADES, SET TIRES ON FIRE, AND DREW IDF REACTION.

-- ON OCT 1, FIVE YOUTHS IN RAFAH TOWN, WHO HAD ERECTED BARRICADES AND SET TIRES ON FIRE, WERE WOUNDED IN SUBSEQUENT CLASHES WITH IDF FORCES.

-- ON OCT 3, BETWEEN ONE (IDF FIGURES) AND FOUR (LOCAL SOURCE FIGURES AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS) GAZANS WERE WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH THE IDF. A GAZAN SOURCE TOLD THE JERUSALEM POST THAT THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER WOUNDED, COMPARED WITH THE COMPARABLE PERIOD IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK, APPEARED TO BE DUE TO DECREASED IDF USE OF PLASTIC BULLETS.

-- ON OCT 4, BETWEEN THREE AND SIX YOUTHS (ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT PRESS ACCOUNTS) IN GAZA WERE WOUNDED BY IDF FIRE; ONE ACCOUNT SAID THAT ONE OF THE YOUTHS WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

-- ON OCT 5, BETWEEN TWO (IDF FIGURES) AND FIVE (OTHER SOURCES) GAZANS WERE INJURED IN CLASHES WITH

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THE IDF.

3. NONE KILLED: NO GAZANS WERE KILLED IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW.

4. STATISTICS UPDATE: IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK (REFTTEL), FOUR GAZANS HAD BEEN KILLED AND APPROXIMATELY 65 WOUNDED. TAKING EMBASSY STATISTICS AND THOSE OF A RELIABLE SOURCE WITHIN GAZA, WE ESTIMATE THAT 90 GAZANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN INTIFADA-RELATED INCIDENTS, DEC 9, 1987 - OCT 5, 1988. THIS CONTRASTS WITH IDF FIGURES OF 70 KILLED IN THE SAME PERIOD (IDF INCLUDES ONLY THOSE KILLED IN CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES).

STATISTICS ON GAZANS INJURED IN INTIFADA-RELATED VIOLENCE IN THE DEC 9, 1987 - OCT 5, 1988 PERIOD ARE

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MUCH MORE VARIABLE THAN THOSE ON FATALITIES.
RELIABLE SOURCE GIVES A FIGURE OF SOME 6,100 SHOT,
BEATEN, OR INJURED BY RUBBER BULLETS, AND SOME 2,600
INJURED OR AFFECTED BY TEAR GAS. IDF STATISTICS FOR
THE SAME PERIOD GIVE ONLY APPROXIMATELY 800.
EMBASSY HAS NOT CONSISTENTLY KEPT STATISTICS ON
GAZANS INJURED. THE MOST WE CAN SAY IS THAT SOURCE
STATISTICS ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY HIGH AND IDF
STATISTICS ALMOST CERTAINLY LOW.
5. CURFEWS:

-- NUSAIRAT CAMP WAS PUT UNDER CURFEW SEPT 30.

-- ON OCT 1, SHABURA NEIGHBORHOOD OF GAZA CITY WAS
PUT UNDER CURFEW; CURFEW REMAINED IN EFFECT ON
NUSAIRAT.

-- ON OCT 3, THE IDF IMPOSED A CURFEW ON DAYR

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RADWAN AND SHAJA'IYYA NEIGHBORHOODS OF GAZA CITY AS
A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AGAINST THAT DAY'S GENERAL
STRIKE. PRESS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 300,000 GAZANS
WERE UNDER CURFEW ON OCT 3. COMMENTING ON THE
WIDESPREAD CURFEW, AN IDF SPOKESMAN NOTED IDF POLICY
OF STEPPING UP ACTIVITY ON STRIKE DAYS.

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6. ATTACK ON ISRAELI: ON OCT 4, A HAND GRENADE WAS TOSSED AT AN ISRAELI CIVILIAN VEHICLE ON THE MAIN ROAD NEAR GUSH QATIF. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR INJURY IN THE INCIDENT.

7. GENERAL STRIKES:

-- GAZA OBSERVED A GENERAL STRIKE OCT 3, CALLED IN
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PROTEST OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

-- A LEAFLET ISSUED BY ISLAMIC JIHAD HAS APPEARED IN GAZA, CALLING FOR A STRIKE OCT 6 AND 7 AS DAYS OF REVENGE FOR FOUR ISLAMIC JIHAD MEMBERS KILLED A YEAR AGO IN A CLASH WITH THE IDF.

-- AN OCT 9 GENERAL STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS:

-- GAZA RELIGIOUS LEADER, SHAIKH YUSUF JUMA SALAMA, HAS BEEN RELEASED AFTER FIVE MONTHS' DETENTION IN KETZIOT. SHAIKH YUSUF IS PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF AL-AZHAR PALESTINE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE AND IMAM OF AL-MUGHAZI REFUGEE CAMP IN GAZA.

-- A GAZA WOMAN, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS DEPORTED TO LEBANON, AND WHO, HERSELF, WAS HELD IN DETENTION TWO YEARS AGO, HAS BEEN PLACED IN ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION. PRESS REPORT, BASING INFORMATION ON STATISTICS PROVIDED BY THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION FOR FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS, SAYS THAT SEVEN PALESTINIAN WOMEN FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA ARE CURRENTLY HELD IN ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION.

9. CHARGES AGAINST FOUR SOLDIERS: THE LAWYER FOR THE FOUR GIVATI BRIGADE MEMBERS CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN THE BEATING DEATH OF A JABALYA MAN CONTENDED, IN AN APPEAL AGAINST THE SOLDIERS' CONTINUING PRE-TRIAL DETENTION, THAT THEY WERE FOLLOWING CLEARLY ESTABLISHED ORDERS FROM THE BRIGADE AND PLATOON COMMANDERS, AND THAT THESE
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ORDERS CONFORMED WITH DIRECTIVES OF THE COMMANDER OF THE SOUTHERN COMMAND AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF. THE JUDGE HEARING THE APPEAL HELD THIS CLAIM UNFOUNDED, BUT, ALTHOUGH HE LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHERS BESIDES THE FOUR MAY HAVE DEALT THE FATAL BLOWS, SAID EVIDENCE OF THEIR ROLE IN THE DEATH WAS SUFFICIENT TO DETAIN THEM UNTIL TRIAL. HE SAID THEIR ACTIONS "VIOLATED EVERY MORAL NORM."

10. PLASTIC BULLETS: IN AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE, IDF CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. DAN SHOMRON IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID PLASTIC BULLETS ARE NOT MEANT TO BE WEAPONS OF SELF-DEFENSE, BUT ARE INTENDED TO "PREVENT AND DISPERSE" RIOTS BEFORE DAMAGE IS CAUSED AND THE RIOTS SPREAD. HE CONTENDED THAT THE USE OF PLASTIC BULLETS HAS DECREASED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED, BUT INCREASED THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED.

KNESSET MEMBER DEDI ZUCKER (CITIZENS' RIGHTS MOVEMENT) HAS SENT DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN A REPORT BY A TEAM OF ISRAELI DOCTORS WHICH SAYS PLASTIC BULLETS CAUSE LESS DAMAGE THAN LIVE AMMUNITION, BUT STILL CAN CAUSE VERY SERIOUS INJURY, AND EVEN DEATH IF THEY HIT VITAL ORGANS.

11. SCHOOL SITUATION: ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN GAZA ARE OPEN. RON KRUMER IN TERRITORIES' COORDINATOR'S OFFICE SAYS THAT GAZA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS PROBABLY WILL OPEN OCT 10, BUT FINAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN YET. HUGHES

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THE ELECTIONS -- NO LEADER, NO TREND

2. THE ELECTION RACE REMAINS NECK AND NECK. WE HAVE
HEARD OPTIMISM BUT LITTLE CONFIDENCE FROM LIKUD AND
LABOR THAT EITHER WILL ACHIEVE A NARROW COALITION OF
AT LEAST 61 SEATS IN ORDER TO AVOID EITHER ANOTHER
NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT OR A MINORITY GOVERNMENT.
LABOR IS PINNING ITS HOPES ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A
BLOCKING MAJORITY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE 7 OR 8
SEATS WHICH THE NON-ZIONIST LEFT IS EXPECTED TO WIN.
WHILE THE SEATS OF THE NON-ZIONIST LEFT WOULD NOT BE
AVAILABLE FOR A LABOR-LED COALITION, LABOR COULD
COUNT ON THEIR PASSIVE SUPPORT IN VOTES OF CONFIDENCE

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IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN A MINORITY GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR
TERM. LABOR SUGGEST THAT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT
COULD ENTICE RELIGIOUS PARTIES INTO WHAT WOULD THEN
BECOME A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT.

3. WHILE LABOR'S OPTIMISTIC SCENARIO ENVISIONS A

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MINORITY GOVERNMENT, THE LIKUD BELIEVES IT STANDS A REASONABLE CHANCE OF FORMING A RIGHT-RELIGIOUS MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. A HIGH IRONY IS THAT IT JUST MIGHT COME TO POWER ON THE RUINS OF THE CANDIDACY OF KAHANE'S KACH PARTY. THE KNESSET ELECTIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED 10 TO 5 TO DISQUALIFY THE PARTY BUT IT IS CERTAIN THAT KAHANE WILL APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. WE HAVE NO CLEAR SENSE OF WHAT THE COURT WILL DECIDE. IF THE DISQUALIFICATION STANDS, THE TWO OR THREE SEATS THAT KAHANE COULD BE EXPECTED TO WIN WOULD GO MOSTLY TO LIKUD AND INCREASE LIKUD'S CHANCES TO FORM A NARROW MAJORITY GOVERNMENT OF THE RIGHT AND RELIGIOUS PARTIES. THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE SHAMIR THE ADVANTAGE OF FORMING ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT ON HIS TERMS, HIS STATED PREFERENCE. MOSHE ARENS CONFIRMED TO US THAT KAHANE WOULD NOT BE A COALITION PARTNER TO LIKUD "IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES." ANOTHER IRONY IS THAT HALF OF ISRAEL'S ARAB VOTERS, BY AGAIN OPTING FOR A "PROTEST" VOTE FOR THE NON-ZIONIST LEFT, WILL PROBABLY FOREGO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TIP THE BALANCE.

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4. OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES, LIKUD, ESPECIALLY
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SHAMIR AND MANY IN HIS CAMP, SEEM MUCH MORE CONTENT, SOME EVEN SAY EAGER, TO CONTINUE THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. THE NUG HAS EFFECTIVELY PARALYZED LABOR'S PEACE PROCESS INITIATIVES AND BLOCKED LABOR FROM IMPLEMENTING ANY POLICIES UNACCEPTABLE TO LIKUD. SHAMIR'S OPENNESS TO ANOTHER NUG MAY ALSO REFLECT A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF LIKUD'S PROSPECTS. PERES PUBLICLY STATED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THAT HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT, BUT THERE IS DEEP SCEPTICISM ABOUT THIS EVEN WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY ITSELF. ARENS HAS SUGGESTED TO US, BUT HE IS THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE HEARD SAY THIS, THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW, THE TWO LEADERS -- PERES AND SHAMIR -- MIGHT STEP ASIDE AND LET OTHERS TRY TO PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER NUG. WHEN WE QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT THIS, HE DID NOT MOVE OFF THE POINT. THERE IS A LOT OF UNHAPPINESS IN LABOR OVER PERES' DECISION TO FOCUS THE CAMPAIGN ON HIMSELF (AND TO LESSER EXTENT ON RABIN) -- PARTICULARLY FROM THE OTHER LABOR MINISTERS

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-- AND THIS UNHAPPINESS COULD TAKE ON TANGIBLE FORM
IF LABOR DOES POORLY.

5. WHILE A NARROW MAJORITY COALITION COBBLED
TOGETHER BY LABOR WOULD BE UNSTABLE AND COULD
POSSIBLY LEAD TO NEW ELECTIONS WITHIN A YEAR OR SO, A
NARROW LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE
STAYING POWER. THE LEFT SIDE OF LABOR ARGUES THAT A
NARROW LABOR-LED MAJORITY GOVERNMENT WOULD AT LEAST
PERMIT SOME INITIATIVES MOVING TOWARD PEACE TALKS,
PERHAPS PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF WITH THE LONDON
AGREEMENT, AND THAT SOME TANGIBLE PROGRESS COULD
ALLOW THEM TO WIN EITHER A NEW ELECTION OR A
REFERENDUM WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND.

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6. KING HUSSEIN'S "LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE" DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAS COMPLICATED LABOR'S TASK IN SELLING ITS PEACE PROCESS IDEAS TO THE ELECTORATE, BUT, SURPRISINGLY, PERHAPS NOT AS MUCH AS INITIALLY FEARED. LIKUD HAMMERS AWAY THAT HUSSEIN HAS NOW MADE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO ARAB PARTNER FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES, CONFIRMING ITS LONGSTANDING ASSERTION. LABOR AND EVEN LIKUD CONTINUE TO SAY THAT JORDAN REMAINS THE PREFERRED AND EVEN LOGICAL PARTNER IN THE NEXT STEPS TOWARD PEACE, ALTHOUGH DIFFERING ON JORDAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TERRITORIES. MOREOVER, LABOR IN THE CAMPAIGN IS TRYING TO CONVINCE THE VOTERS THAT ISRAEL HAS THE POWER TO ACHIEVE PEACE ALONG WITH SECURITY. LIKUD IS

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EXPLOITING THE TABA ARBITRAL AWARD AS "EVIDENCE" OF WHAT "OUTSIDE" INVOLVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS (I.E., INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE) MEANS FOR ISRAEL. FOR LABOR, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE IS AN ARAB PARTNER FOR PEACE REMAINS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM AND SOME STILL HARBOR HOPES THAT JORDAN WILL OPENLY SIGNAL IT IS STILL IN THE GAME.

7. ARENS, LEADING THE LIKUD CAMPAIGN, BELIEVES THAT IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE LIKUD'S CHANCES OF BEING ABLE TO LEAD A NARROW MAJORITY GOVERNMENT AFTER THE ELECTIONS, LIKUD WILL NEED TO FIGHT FOR THE UNDECIDED VOTERS IN THE CENTER. LEVY AND SHARON PREFER TO FOCUS ON LIKUD'S TRADITIONAL CONSTITUENCY, BUT THEY HAVE SO FAR HAD MINIMAL INFLUENCE ON THE CONDUCT OF LIKUD'S CAMPAIGN. SHAMIR IS EMPHASIZING HIS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, STRESSING THAT ONLY LIKUD CAN PROVIDE "REAL SECURITY" AND NOT GIVE ON THE TERRITORIES. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO PLANNING WITHIN THE PARTY ITSELF FOR A LIKUD-LAUNCHED PEACE INITIATIVE. AUTONOMY ALONG CAMP DAVID LINES, FINDING "SOME" PALESTINIANS IN THE TERRITORIES WITH WHOM TO DEAL IN ORDER TO FORM SOME KIND OF GOVERNING/ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS AND IMPLEMENT AUTONOMY, AND THE IDEA OF A MINI-REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF ISRAEL, EGYPT AND JORDAN ARE THE OUTSIDE LIMITS OF LIKUD DISCUSSIONS ON NEXT PEACE STEPS.

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HOW DOES THE INTIFADA PLAY?

8. POLLS SAY THAT OVER 70 PERCENT OF THE PUBLIC
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FAVORS A TOUGHER RESPONSE TO THE UPRISING. ARENS TOLD US THAT LIKUD DOES NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE DATA ON THE IMPACT OF THE INTIFADA ON THE ELECTIONS. ONE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISERS HAS TOLD US THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS CAREFUL NOT TO PERMIT WEDGES TO BE DRIVEN BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE IDF. THE PRIME MINISTER, WHEN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, SUPPORTS THE FORCES OF ORDER AND DOES NOT GET INTO ANY CRITICISM OF THE IDF OR MOD, WE WERE TOLD. SHAMIR CONTINUES TO STRESS TO THE PALESTINIANS THAT VIOLENCE WILL NOT PAY OFF. SINCE RABIN'S WORDS ARE VERY SIMILAR, (EXCEPT HE ALSO STRESSES THE NEED FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND A POLITICAL SOLUTION) AND HIS DIRECTIVES IN DEALING WITH THE PALESTINIANS -- INCLUDING PLASTIC BULLETS -- CLEARLY BACK UP HIS TOUGH WORDS, RABIN IS WELL-POSITIONED TO REBUT ATTACKS FROM THE RIGHT. THE "SECOND REACTION" OF THE ISRAELI PUBLIC TO THE UPRISING HAS NOT MATERIALIZED. LABOR LEADERS, INCLUDING RABIN, SOMETIMES SPEAK OF IT, BUT AS A HOPE RATHER THAN EITHER AS A REALITY OR AS AN EXPECTATION.

PALESTINIAN ACTIONS WORK AGAINST LABOR

9. ALL LABOR POLITICIANS WITH WHOM WE SPEAK UNFAILINGLY MENTION THEIR FEAR THAT AN ATTACK BY THE PLO (OR SOMEOTHER TERRORIST GROUP) WOULD SEVERELY UNDERMINE THEIR CHANCES ON NOVEMBER 1ST. WE WOULD JUDGE THAT A MILITANT PNC WOULD ALSO NEGATIVELY AFFECT LABOR CHANCES. A MILITANT PNC WOULD LEAD TO VIOLENT PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE TERRITORIES AND A FORCEFUL GOI REACTION. THIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WOULD REINFORCE HARDLINE SENTIMENTS HERE. THE IMPACT

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OF A PNC WHICH RESULTED IN A DECLARATION OF A
PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT,
GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE OR SOME KIND OF DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE WOULD STILL WORK TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE
RIGHT. IT WOULD BE MET BY OVERWHELMING CONDEMNATION
IN ISRAEL AND COULD LEAD TO SOME REINFORCEMENT OF
HARDLINERS BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTIES AROUSED HERE.
LIKUD IS ALREADY CLAIMING IN ITS CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING
THAT THE PLO WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE TO RESTRAIN THE
INTIFADA TO BENEFIT LABOR.

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1N. WHILE THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF "UNDECIDEDS",
ISRAELI VOTERS WILL HAVE A CLEARLY DEFINED CHOICE ON
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THE PEACE ISSUE. LIKUD IS SAYING "NO" TO ANY TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE AND "YES" TO MORE SETTLEMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES, WHILE LABOR TALKS OF THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO GET OUT OF SOME OF THE TERRITORIES AND ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. IN ONE SENSE, THE QUESTION IS WHICH FEAR IS GREATER: THAT OF GIVING UP CONTROL OF THE TERRITORIES OR THAT OF SLIDING INTO A BI-NATIONAL, NON-JEWISH, NON-DEMOCRATIC STATE. TO THE EXTENT THAT TO THE VOTING PUBLIC THERE IS NO ARAB PARTNER FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THESE TOUGH QUESTIONS ARE PERMITTED TO SLIDE INTO THE HYPOTHETICAL AND THE FEAR OF GIVING UP CONTROL BECOMES PARAMOUNT.
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2. THE PLO CONTINUES TO HESITATE IN SCHEDULING A PNC AND DECIDING DEFINITELY ON A POLITICAL PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS EMBASSY SOURCES FOLLOWING PLO DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. SECRETARY OF STATE BEN YAHIA TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPT. 30 THAT THE GOT HAD CHECKED WITH THE PLO FOLLOWING QADDUMI'S RECENT PREDICTION OF A PNC OCT. 14 IN ALGIERS AND BEEN TOLD THAT TIMING AND LOCALE HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. SIMILARLY, NO FINAL

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DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. ADVISE FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS, INCLUDING THE SOVIETS, IS GIVING THE PLO PAUSE, BEN YAHIA REPORTED. LABOR POLITICIANS, SPECIFICALLY PERES AND TAMIR, HAVE PUBLICLY RAISED NEW IDEAS WHICH THE GOT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO "EXPLAIN" THROUGH ITS CHANNELS. THE LIKUD HAS ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO THE PLO THROUGH A THIRD PARTY THAT PEACE WILL BE ATTAINABLE IF LIKUD TAKES POWER, BEN YAHIA SAID.

4. THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO MEET IN TUNIS FROM OCT. 5-7 TO SORT MATTERS OUT, ACCORDING TO BEN YAHIA. THIS EXPECTATION IS SHARED BY COLLEAGUES IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY WHO FURTHER PREDICT THAT THE EC MEETING COULD BE FOLLOWED QUICKLY BY A PNC IN EITHER ALGIERS OR TUNIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RANKING PALESTINIAN IN THE ARAB LEAGUE, ASST. SYG MOHAMED AL FARRA, RECENTLY TOLD POLCOUNSELOR THAT HE FEELS THE PLO IS INCREASINGLY UNCERTAIN AND QUESTIONING THE VALUE OF ANY PNC PRIOR TO U.S. AND ISRAELI ELECTIONS. AL FARRA NOTED IN PASSING THAT THE HAMAS GROUPING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE WARNING THE PLO AGAINST ANY UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS.

5. COMMENT: READING BETWEEN THE LINES OF BEN YAHIA'S PRESENTATION, WE GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOT NO LONGER SEES THE UPCOMING PNC AS "HISTORIC" AND

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THEREFORE MAY BE LESS INTENT UPON TUNIS AS A VENUE. THE REPORT OF A SECRET LIKUD MESSAGE, WHICH WE CANNOT CONFIRM, IS NOTEWORTHY.

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1. [REDACTED]
2. INTIFADA LEAFLET 26 DATED SEPTEMBER 27
CONTAINS A FULLER AND MORE FOCUSSED POLITICAL
AGENDA DIRECTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA THAN
PREVIOUS LEAFLETS. COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT
ASPECTS OF THE LEAFLET FOLLOW. (SEE REF A FOR
FULL TEXT.)
3. THE LEAFLET BEGINS WITH A STRIDENT
RHETORICAL INTRODUCTION, WHICH BOASTS OF THE
INTIFADA'S VICTORIES AND, INTER ALIA, REFERS TO
THE INTIFADA'S "PROTEST AGAINST THE OFFICIAL
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ARAB IMPOTENCE" AND "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" AND
SAYS PALESTINIANS "ARE NO LESS STRONG THAN THE
VIETNAMESE".

4. IT THEN LISTS DEMANDS FOR ADOPTION BY THE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE PLO MAY BE PLANNING NEW RESOLUTIONS REPLACING OR REVISING THE NOW STALE SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE ADOPTED ANNUALLY UNDER THE AGENDA ITEMS: ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LEAFLET DEMANDS CESSATION OF VARIOUS ISRAELI PRACTICES SUCH AS DEPORTATION, TORTURE, ADMINISTRATIVE ARRESTS AND OTHER PUNITIVE MEASURES AND CALLS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF UNSC 605, 607 AND 608, FORESHADOWING THE CONTENT OF POSSIBLE NEW UNGA INITIATIVES.

5. THE LEAFLET'S CALL FOR "WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM PALESTINIAN AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, INCLUDING ARAB JERUSALEM" IS THE FIRST TIME A LEAFLET HAS EXPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PALESTINIANS TERRITORIAL CLAIM WILL BE LIMITED TO THE 1967 BORDERS. ALTHOUGH MOST WEST BANKERS HAVE LONG SUPPORTED THIS, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, AND OPPOSED THE REJECTIONIST VIEW THAT ALL OF PALESTINE MUST BE RECLAIMED, INTIFADA LEAFLETS HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY ARTICULATED THIS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT IN DISCUSSING THE USE OF UNSC 181 AS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR CLAIMING A PALESTINIAN STATE, THE PLO'S ABU IYAD SAID TO

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THE KUWAIT NEWS AGENCY ON SEPTEMBER 23 "BECAUSE WE ARE REALISTIC, THE 1967 BORDERS ARE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION." (REF B)

6. THE LIST OF DEMANDS TO THE UNGA ALSO ASKS THAT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BE PLACED UNDER UN SUPERVISION "FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXERCISE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO SELF DETERMINATION." UN TRUSTEESHIP DURING A TRANSITIONAL PHASE HAS BEEN A FAMILAR THEME IN STATEMENTS OF PLO LEADERS IN RECENT WEEKS CONCERNING THE AGENDA OF THE UPCOMING PNC.

7. LEAFLET 26 CALLS FOR DISMANTLING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS, THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS APPEARED IN THE LEAFLETS.

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8. THE LEAFLET REPEATS THE CALL IN PREVIOUS LEAFLETS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNDER UN SUPERVISION, AS A MATTER TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE AGENDA OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE CONVENED TO BRING ABOUT A TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

9. IT ALSO CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL, IN THE INTERIM, OF IDF FORCES FROM ALL ARAB POPULATION CENTERS. THIS IS SOMETHING NEW IN THE LEAFLETS. IT IS REMINISCENT OF THE SECTION IN THE CAMP DAVID FRAMEWORK CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE IDF AND REDEPLOYMENT OF REMAINING IDF FORCES TO SPECIFIC SECURITY LOCATIONS.

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10. LEAFLET 26 PRAISES "BROTHER ABU AMAR" (ARAFAT) FOR HIS "HISTORIC SPEECH BEFORE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT". IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE INTIFADA, LEAFLETS NEVER MENTIONED ARAFAT OR THE PLO. THIS IS ANOTHER SIGN OF CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE INTIFADA LEAFLET WRITERS AND THE PLO AND THE DOMINANT POSITION OF PRO-FATAH ELEMENTS IN THE INTIFADA.

11. IN THE SECOND PART OF THE LEAFLET, WHICH IS FULL OF THE USUAL EXHORTATIONS TO PALESTINIANS TO SUSTAIN THE INTIFADA THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS, THE MASSES ARE URGED TO "GO OUT IN THE STREETS, SIMILAR TO THE EVENTS IN NABLUS, WHERE MASSES OF MASKED YOUTHS MARCHED IN AN ORGANIZED MANNER AND PUT ON RECORD THE FIRST MARCH OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULAR ARMY." AL NASR FROM NICOSIA

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SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT THE "FORCE 17 COMMAND WITHIN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAS SUCCEEDED IN FORMING THE PALESTINIAN POPULAR ARMY" AS A NEW "MILITARY ARM OF THE BLESSED POPULAR REVOLUTION" IN THE TERRITORIES. (REF C)

12. PALESTINIAN CONTACTS TELL US THE REFERENCE TO THE "PALESTINIAN POPULAR ARMY" RELATES TO TO MARCHES BY UNARMED YOUTHS IN THE CASBAH IN NABLUS, CARRYING PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND WEARING MAKESHIFT UNIFORMS. THEY SAY THIS WAS A SIGN OF DEFIANCE TO THE IDF, WHICH SELDOM ENTERS THE CROWDED CASBAH, AND A REPLY TO AN EARLY MARCH IN THE AREA BY SUPPORTERS OF THE RIVAL ISLAMIC HAMMAS GROUP. THE REFERENCE TO A "POPULAR ARMY" DOES NOT MEAN, OUR SOURCES EMPHASIZE, THAT THE INTIFADA HAS REVERTED TO ARMED OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL, A POLICY IT HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED TO DATE.

13. LIKE PREVIOUS LEAFLETS, NUMBER 26 CONTAINS AN IMPLIED CRITICISM OF THE RIVAL ISLAMIC HAMMAS, BY CALLING ON THE MASSES TO PRESERVE "UNITY OF THE INTERNAL FRONT" AND TO "COMBAT ALL SIGNS OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIFFERENCES AND FEUDS, WHICH THE ENEMY AND ITS AGENTS ARE TRYING

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TO AROUSE." IN A REFERENCE TO PUBLICITY GIVEN
TO HAMMAS BY ISRAELI SPOKESMEN AND JOURNALISTS,
IT SAYS "ALL THE AUTHORITIES' ATTEMPTS TO 'BLOW
UP' SOME PARTIES AND CONSIDER THEM A FORCE EQUAL
TO THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OR THE UPRISING WILL
FAIL."

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1. SUMMARY: PALESTINIAN CASUALTY TOLLS INCREASED SHARPLY AS A RESULT OF INCREASED USE OF PLASTIC BULLETS AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS. THREE PALESTINIANS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN INTIFADA CLASHES AND 75 WOUNDED. A FOURTH MAN, AN AMCIT, WAS SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT. THREE SUSPECTED PALESTINIAN COLLABORATORS WERE BEATEN, WHILE OTHERS WERE VICTIMS OF VANDALISM. A GENERAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED SEPTEMBER 26. THIS REPORT WAS COMPILED MAINLY FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.

FOUR KILLED, 75 INJURED

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THE WEEK WAS MARKED BY A SHARP RISE IN THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN CASUALTIES. FOUR WERE KILLED AND 75 WERE WOUNDED DURING CLASHES. THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP WERE SEALED OFF FOR 24 HOURS OVER YOM KIPPUR, SEPTEMBER 21, AND NO TRAFFIC WAS ALLOWED INTO ISRAEL.

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SEPTEMBER 20

IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND INJURED A PALESTINIAN YOUTH DURING CLASHES AT ARTAS VILLAGE, NEAR BETHLEHEM. PALESTINIAN SOURCES SAID A SECOND YOUTH WAS ALSO WOUNDED.

A BLIND MAN WAS WOUNDED WHEN IDF SOLDIERS ASSAULTED HIM IN NABLUS.

IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A PALESTINIAN YOUTH DURING CLASHES AT BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS.

SEPTEMBER 21

IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO YOUTHS DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS. A PALESTINIAN WOMAN WAS ALSO WOUNDED BY RUBBER BULLETS.

IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO BOYS DURING CLASHES IN NABLUS' CASBAH.

IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED A BOY DURING CLASHES AT ABWEIN VILLAGE, NEAR RAMALLAH. A SECOND PALESTINIAN YOUTH WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED AT JENIN
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REFUGEE CAMP AND A THIRD IN QALQILYA.

AN ISRAELI SOLDIER WAS LIGHTLY HURT IN CLASHES AT DHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR BETHLEHEM.

SEPTEMBER 22

SERIOUS CLASHES ERUPTED WHEN ABOUT 500 YOUTHS STAGED ONE OF THE LARGEST MARCHES OF THE UPRISING IN NABLUS' CASBAH. THE MARCHERS CARRIED PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND USED A LOUDSPEAKER TO SHOUT ANTI-ISRAELI SLOGANS. THEY WERE JOINED BY ANOTHER 500 YOUTHS, NEAR THE GATES OF THE CASBAH WHERE THEY WERE MET BY SOLDIERS WHO SHOT AND WOUNDED 11 PERSONS. IN OTHER PARTS OF NABLUS, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED FOUR OTHER PALESTINIANS.

AT TALLUZA AND NAKURA, NORTH OF NABLUS, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE YOUTHS DURING CLASHES.

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IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIAN YOUTHS AT BURQA, NORTH WEST OF NABLUS. THE DRIVER OF AN ISRAELI BUS TRAVELLING TO KIRYAT ARBA, NEAR HEBRON, WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THE FACE AFTER STONES SMASHED THE WINDSHIELD OF HIS BUS. THE ISRAEL PASSENGERS GOT OFF THE BUS AND STONED ARAB CARS ON THE ROAD.

SEPTEMBER 23

A PALESTINIAN GIRL DIED AT MAKASSED HOSPITAL IN

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JERUSALEM OF WOUNDS SUSTAINED A WEEK EARLIER AT AMA'ARI REFUGEE CAMP NEAR RAMALLAH.

A PALESTINIAN-AMERICAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED EARLY FRIDAY AT MAZRAA SHARKIYA, NORTH OF RAMALLAH. THE MOTIVE WAS UNCLEAR, THOUGH NEIGHBORS HAVE INDICATED THE SHOOTING WAS THE RESULT OF A PRIVATE MATTER.

ONE PALESTINIAN WAS WOUNDED DURING A CLASH WITH TROOPS AT JAYUS, NEAR TULKAREM, WHEN SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE AT VILLAGERS WHO STONED THEIR JEEPS DURING A SEARCH-AND-ARREST RAID.

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SEPTEMBER 24

TWO PERSONS WERE REPORTED WOUNDED BY IDF GUNFIRE IN NABLUS; TWO PERSONS WERE WOUNDED AT DEIR DIBWAN, NEAR RAMALLAH; ONE MAN WAS WOUNDED AT YAABAD, NEAR JENIN; AND TWO MEN WERE WOUNDED DURING CLASHES AT TULKARM.

A VIS-NEWS CAMERAMAN REPORTED BEING ASSAULTED BY SOLDIERS WHEN HE TRIED TO FILM AN ARREST. HE SAID SOLDIERS STRUCK HIM WITH A RIFLE.

SEPTEMBER 25

A PALESTINIAN MAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED AT BEIT SURIK NORTHWEST OF JERUSALEM AFTER AN IDF FORCE WAS STONED WHILE RAIDING THE VILLAGE. ANOTHER MAN WAS INJURED IN THE CLASH.

PALESTINIAN SOURCES CLAIMED THAT ANOTHER 25 WERE INJURED IN SCATTERED INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK.

SHIN BET PRISONER DIED FROM SUFFOCATION

A PALESTINIAN PRISONER WHO WAS ARRESTED ON JULY 19

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AND DIED TWO DAYS LATER AT JENIN PRISON WHILE UNDER SHIN BET INTERROGATION SUFFOCATED TO DEATH ACCORDING TO AN AUTOPSY. THE FINDINGS WERE COMMUNICATED BY THE ISRAELI STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO THE ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTS THE MAN'S FAMILY. HIS FAMILY WAS FIRST TOLD THAT HE HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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DIED OF A HEART ATTACK; LATER, THAT HE HAD DIED OF PNEUMONIA; AND EVEN LATER INFORMED BY THE JENIN MILGOV THAT HE HAD DIED OF A SNAKE BITE.

PALESTINIANS ATTACK MORE SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS

SEPTEMBER 21

A MAN SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATION WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WAS STABBED IN THE CHEST AND STOMACH AND HOSPITALIZED IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN NABLUS.

SEPTEMBER 22

ATTACKS ON EAST JERUSALEM ARABS WHO WORK FOR THE GOI OR WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATING WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CONTINUED. IN JERUSALEM'S JABAL MUKABBER NEIGHBORHOOD A JEWISH-OWNED CAR THAT WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF AN ARAB RESIDENT WAS TORCHED. ONE PERSON WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED. IN WADI JOZ, THE CAR OF AN ARAB EMPLOYEE OF THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

SEPTEMBER 24

TWO SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS WERE BEATEN BY OTHER PALESTINIANS AT THE FAWWAR REFUGEE CAMP NEAR HEBRON. ONLY ONE OF THE MEN WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

AUTHORITIES DEMOLISH ARAB BUILDINGS

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SEPTEMBER 22

THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION DEMOLISHED 12 ARAB HOMES
IN THE JIFTLIK AREA, IN THE JORDAN VALLEY, AND
FIVE OTHERS IN JENIN, ALLEGING THAT THEY HAD BEEN
BUILT WITHOUT PERMITS.

SETTLERS EXPAND BEITAR SETTLEMENT

ON SEPTEMBER 20, SETTLERS AT BEITAR, A SETTLEMENT
CONSTRUCTED ON HUSAN AND NAHHALIN VILLAGE LANDS,
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A CURFEW IMPOSED ON HUSAN TO
EXPAND THEIR SETTLEMENT AND INSTALL PREFABS AND
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LEVEL A LARGE PLOT OF LAND FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION.

GENERAL STRIKES

PALESTINIANS OBSERVED A TOTAL STRIKE ON SEPTEMBER 26 AS AN EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH DETAINEES AND A PROTEST AGAINST THE ANSAR III PRISON.

CURFEWS

THE THREE-DAY OLD CURFEW ON ARRABEH, NEAR JENIN, AND THE TWO-DAY OLD CURFEW ON BEIT FOURIK, NEAR NABLUS, WERE LIFTED ON SEPTEMBER 20.

THE CURFEW IMPOSED ON NEARBY QALANDIA CAMP, NEAR RAMALLAH, WAS LIFTED AFTER FOUR DAYS.

CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON SEPTEMBER 21, ON BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS FOLLOWING CLASHES.

THE MILITARY SEIGE IMPOSED FOR ONE WEEK ON BEIT RIMA AND DEIR GHASSANEH VILLAGES, RAMALLAH DISTRICT, WAS LIFTED ON SEPTEMBER 22.

AUTHORITIES CONFISCATE PRINTING MACHINES

IDF RAIDED AN UNDERGROUND PRESS OPERATED BY THE PALESTINIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN AL-RAM, NORTH OF JERUSALEM, CONFISCATING PRINTING MACHINES AND COPIES OF A CLANDESTINE NEWSLETTER, AL-WATAN. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MAN WHO OPERATED THE MACHINE WAS ARRESTED.
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1. LEAFLET NO. 26 OF "PLO/NIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING" DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1988, SETS OUT A LIST OF POLITICAL DEMANDS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. THESE INCLUDE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, CANCELLATION OF ISRAELI MILITARY LEGISLATION, DISMANTLING OF SETTLEMENTS, AND PLACEMENT OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UNDER UN SUPERVISION FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD. THE LEAFLET DEMANDS THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, RELEASE OF PRISONERS, RETURN OF DEPORTEES, THE HOLDING OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS UNDER UN SUPERVISION, AND CESSATION OF PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST PALESTINIANS. THE LEAFLET UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTRUCTS PALESTINIANS TO INTENSIFY THE WORK OF POPULAR COMMITTEES, CONTINUE ATTACKS ON COLLABORATORS, TAKE ACTION AGAINST APPOINTED MUNICIPAL AND VILLAGE COUNCILS, AND CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARD POPULAR EDUCATION. THE LEAFLET WARNS WORKERS NOT TO SPEND THE NIGHT INSIDE THE

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GREEN LINE AS A WAY TO AVOID GENERAL STRIKES AND URGES MAXIMUM EFFORT TO HARVEST THE OLIVE CROP. THE LEAFLET CALLS FOR UNITY AND URGES PALESTINIANS TO ESCALATE DAILY CONFRONTATIONS. GENERAL STRIKES ARE CALLED FOR OCTOBER 3, TO PROTEST CLOSURE OF PALESTINIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND OCTOBER 9, TO MARK THE START OF THE 11TH MONTH OF THE UPRISING. WE WILL SEND COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE
A CALL .. A CALL .. A CALL
NO VOICE IS ABOVE THE VOICE OF THE UPRISING
NO VOICE IS ABOVE THE VOICE OF PALESTINIANS, THE
PEOPLE OF THE PLO
CALL NO. 26 - THE CALL OF PALESTINE, PUBLISHED BY
THE PLO/THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE
UPRISING (UNLU)

O MASSES OF OUR STRUGGLING PEOPLE: YOUR INTIFADA
IS ACHIEVING NEW STRIDES SUCH AS THE RESOLUTIONS
REACHED DURING THE MEETING OF LEADERS OF
NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. THE RESOLUTIONS EMPHASIZED
YOUR JUST DEMANDS AND CALLED FOR PLACEMENT OF THE
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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UNDER UN SUPERVISION FOR AN
INTERIM PERIOD AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES
IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXERCISE OF PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS TO SELF DETERMINATION. AFTER BROTHER ABU
AMMAR, WHO HEADED THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION, GAVE
HIS HISTORIC SPEECH BEFORE THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, EUROPEANS EMPHASIZEED THE NEED FOR
ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE
PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND DECIDED TO EXPAND THEIR
DEALINGS WITH THE PLO, RECOGNIZING IT AS THE SOLE
LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR PEOPLE. NOW, THE
ZIONIST ENEMY ADMITS AGAIN, THIS TIME VIA SHAMIR,
THAT THE INTIFADA CANNOT BE TERMINATED WITH THE
USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

O HEROIC CHILDREN OF OUR PEOPLE: CONTINUATION OF
YOUR POPULAR INTIFADA IS THE SOLE GUARANTEE TO
BREAK THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATION AND WILL FORCE IT TO SET ASIDE ITS

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ARROGANCE AND THE INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS WHICH IT PLACES BEFORE THE PLO, OUR SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE. THE INTIFADA WILL CAUSE THE FAILURE OF ALL ALTERNATIVES TO THE PALESTINIAN OPTION, AS IT HAS UNDERMINED THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES CONSPIRACY AND THE JORDANIAN OPTION AND FORCED KING HUSSEIN TO ADMIT DEFEAT OF HIS PLANS FOR THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND AS IT WILL ULTIMATELY FORCE ISRAEL TO CONFESS OUR ETERNAL NATIONAL RIGHTS. AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, WHICH SUPPORTS OUR ENEMY TO THE EXTREME, SHOULD REALIZE THAT IT IS COMPELLED TO GIVE MORE

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CONCESSIONS TO OUR PEOPLE AND NOT THE OPPOSITE. IT SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS AND ADMIT THEIR RIGHTS TO RETURN, TO SELF DETERMINATION, AND TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR INDEPENDENT STATE ON THEIR NATIONAL SOIL WITH JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL. ISRAEL SHOULD REALIZE THAT OUR STONES ARE NO LESS STRONG THAN ALL ITS POWER AND ITS SATELLITES. IT CANNOT EXTINGUISH THE RAYS OF HOPE FROM OUR CHILDREN'S EYES. ISRAEL IS NOT STRONGER THAN AMERICA, AND OUR PEOPLE ARE NO LESS STRONG THAN THE VIETNAMESE.

O MASSES OF THE INTIFADA: WE ARE A FREE AND STRUGGLING PEOPLE. THE GLORIOUS INTIFADA TAUGHT US THAT THROUGH IT, THROUGH OUR STRUGGLE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SACRIFICES AND BY INFLICTING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES ON THE ENEMY, TRANSFORMING THEIR GAINS FROM THE OCCUPATION TO GREAT AND COSTLY LOSSES AND BY CREATING REAL CHANGES IN THE BALANCE OF FORCES ON THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS WE CAN EXTRACT FROM THEM MORE AND MORE CONCESSIONS ON THE PATH TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. YOUR INTIFADA IS THE STRONGEST VOICE OF PROTEST AGAINST THE OFFICIAL ARAB IMPOTENCE. YOU ARE ANNOUNCING, WITH GREAT VIGOR: NO TO OCCUPATION, YES AND A THOUSAND TIMES YES TO LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE. YOUR VOICES INSPIRED THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO FORGE YOUR CONSTANT, DIRECT AND GENERAL POLITICAL DEMANDS. UNLU AND ALL THE MASSES OF OUR PEOPLE URGE THE 43RD SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE OUR PEOPLE'S NATIONAL RIGHTS, ADOPT NECESSARY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THEM AND FORCE ISRAEL TO BE COMMITTED TO THEM, AS FOLLOWS:

1. WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM PALESTINIAN AND ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, INCLUDING ARAB JERUSALEM.
2. CANCELLATION OF ALL ISRAELI ANNEXATION MOVES AND DISMANTLING OF SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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3. PLACEMENT OF OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES UNDER UN SUPERVISION TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO OUR MASSES FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD OF A FEW MONTHS AND PREPARE PALESTINIANS FREELY TO EXPRESS THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION.

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4. CONVENING OF AN AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, UNDER UN SUPERVISION, ON THE BASIS OF ITS RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, THE CORE OF THE MIDDLE EAST STRUGGLE, AND TO PREPARE FOR TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, PLACING THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND HOLDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. ISRAEL SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- A. IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS NOS. 605, 607 AND 608.
- B. CANCELLATION OF THE EMERGENCY LAWS OF 1945 AND ALL THE LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY ORDERS RELATING TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS.
- C. WITHDRAWAL OF THE IDF FROM ALL THE PALESTINIAN POPULATED CENTERS.
- D. RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF THE INTIFADA AND RETURN OF DEPORTEES.
- E. HOLDING FREE MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS UNDER UN SUPERVISION.
- F. APPLICATION OF THE 4TH GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949 AND ALL THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS WHICH ORGANIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN OCCUPATION AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
- G. CESSATION OF ISRAELI PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST PALESTINIANS, SUCH AS ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, KILLINGS, HOME DEMOLITIONS, TORTURE, DEPORTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE ARRESTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS.
- H. STRUGGLING MASSES OF OUR PEOPLE, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS AND FORCING THE

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AROGANT ENEMY TO RECOGNIZE THEM CAN BE ACHIEVED
THROUGH GREATER STRUGGLE ON ALL LEVELS AND
ESCALATION OF THE INTIFADA TO HIGHER LEVELS, WHILE
AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAINING THE INITIATIVE.
ALONG THIS PATH WE URGE THE PEOPLE TO ADHERE TO
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

-- OCCUPATION ATTACKS: CONDUCT MASSIVE ACTIVITIES
BEFORE THE OCCUPATION FORCES ATTACK. INTENSIFY
FORMATION OF SECURITY, POPULAR AND STRIKING
COMMITTEES. ADHERE TO SECRECY IN YOUR ACTIVITIES
AND PUT ON MASKS. MAINTAIN UNITY OF YOUR INTERNAL
GROUPS. GO OUT TO THE STREETS, SIMILAR TO THE
EVENTS IN NABLUS, WHERE MASSES OF MASKED YOUTHS
MARCHED IN AN ORGANIZED MANNER AND PUT ON RECORD
THE FIRST MARCH OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULAR ARMY.
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GREETINGS TO THEM, TO THE MASSES OF THE INTIFADA AND TO ALL THE HEROIC AREAS UNDER MILITARY SEIGE: QALQILYA, TULKAREM, ANABTA, KUFR MALIK AND GAZA STRIP, WHERE THE MASSES REFUSED TO RESPOND TO DEMANDS OF THE AUTHORITIES TO INSCRIBE THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON THE DOORS OF THEIR STORES.

-- INTIFADA INITIATIVES: TAKE THE INITIATIVE OF THE INTIFADA AND ESCALATE ACTION AGAINST APPOINTED MUNICIPAL AND VILLAGE COUNCILS. BOYCOTT THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITIES, ITS OFFICES AND ITS ARAB EMPLOYEES. BOYCOTT AND LIQUIDATE THEIR AGENTS, SIMILAR TO THE HEROIC ACTIVITIES AGAINST THOSE WORKING IN GAZA, NABLUS, JENIN, SINJEL, YATTA AND OTHER PLACES.

-- POPULAR EDUCATION: POPULAR EDUCATION AIMS, NOT ONLY AT COMPLETING THE SCHOLASTIC CURRICULUM, BUT TO ERADICATE ILLITERACY AMONG ADULTS AND EXPAND NATIONAL EDUCATION. THIS REQUIRES TEACHING IN EVERY HOME, WITHOUT ANY FROM THE ENEMY. WE DEMAND THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO DO THEIR DUTY AND DETERMINE THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION OF THE POPULAR STUDENTS. LET OUR MOTTO BE "EDUCATION FOR RESISTANCE."

-- LABORERS: WE CALL ON OUR LABORERS TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO ABSTAINING FROM GOING TO WORK ON TOTAL STRIKE DAYS AND NOT TO RESPOND TO THE ZIONIST EMPLOYERS WHO REQUEST THEM TO SPEND THE NIGHT INSIDE THE GREEN LINE BEFORE GENERAL STRIKE DAYS, LEST THEY MEET THE SAME FATE AS THE THREE GAZAN WORKERS.

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-- MERCHANTS, FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS: UNLU STRESSES THE NEED TO ABSTAIN FROM PAYING TAXES. MERCHANTS' COMMITTEES SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON THIS PROCEDURE AND CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT ISRAELI COMMODITIES WHICH HAVE LOCALLY MADE ALTERNATIVES BY DISTRIBUTING LISTS OF LOCAL PRODUCTS. NATIONAL PRODUCTS SHOULD PRICED AND THE COST SHOULD BE DECREASED, NOT INCREASED. WORKERS' SALARIES AND

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WAGES SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL, AS THEY USED TO BE
PAID BEFORE THE INTIFADA. WORKERS SHOULD BE PAID
FOR TOTAL STRIKE DAYS.

-- AGRICULTURAL AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES: UNLU
URGES ALL THE MASSES TO ASSIST IN PICKING THE
OLIVE CROP AND FACILITATE ITS PRESSING.
COOPERATIVE AND VOLUNTARY WORK SHOULD BE
ENCOURAGED TO GATHER EVERY PALESTINIAN OLIVE.
FARMERS AND OLIVE OIL MERCHANTS SHOULD SELL THEIR
PRODUCE LOCALLY AT A FAIR PRICE. THIS IS OUR OIL
AND WE SHOULD CONSUME IT LOCALLY, IF WE CANNOT
EXPORT IT.

-- UNITY OF THE INTERNAL FRONT: UNLU EMPHASIZES
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITY OF THE INTERNAL FRONT
WHICH HAS WITHSTOOD ALL FORMS OF PUNITIVE
MEASURES. WE CALL ON THE MASSES TO COMBAT ALL
SIGNS OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIFFERENCES AND
FEUDS, WHICH THE ENEMY AND ITS AGENTS ARE TRYING
TO AROUSE. ALL THE AUTHORITIES' ATTEMPTS TO "BLOW
UP" SOME PARTIES AND CONSIDER THEM A FORCE EQUAL
TO UNLU WILL FAIL.

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-- THE WANTED PERSONS: UNLU GREETES OUR PEOPLE'S CHILDREN, WANTED BY THE AUTHORITIES, WHO MUTINIED AGAINST ARREST ORDERS AND WENT UNDERGROUND. UNLU URGES THE MASSES TO SUPPORT THEM AND EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THEM.

0 MASSES OF OUR GIVING PEOPLE: UNLU GREATLY VALUES THE STEADFASTNESS OF OUR COURAGEOUS MASSES IN QALQILYA, WHO WITH THEIR STONES, MOLOTOVS AND NAILS HAVE SPREAD TERROR IN THE HEARTS OF THE SETTLERS AND SHAKEN THE ZIONIST GENERALS. THEY HAVE RESPONDED TO THE CRUEL OPPRESSIVE MEASURES BY ESCALATING THEIR STRUGGLE. GREETINGS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY MASSES WHO HAVE STRONGLY CONFRONTED MINISTER RABIN AND HIS GANG IN KHAN YOUNIS. UNLU URGES THE POPULAR AND SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES, AS
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WELL AS THE STRIKING FORCES TO LAY OUT A PROGRAM OF STRUGGLE, WELL TIMED TO CONFORM TO THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES AT EVERY LOCATION, TO EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

1. ESCALATE DAILY CONFRONTATIONS AGAINST OCCUPATION FORCES AND THE SETTLERS' GANGS AND SABOTAGE ENEMY PROPERTY.
2. CONTINUE TO PURGE THE INTERNAL FRONT FROM UNCLEAR AGENTS.
3. ACTIVATE VOLUNTEER WORK TO HELP FARMERS DURING THE OLIVE HARVEST.
4. MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BESEIGED AREAS AND REVOLUTIONIZE ALL THE LOCATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY

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SO THAT THE ENEMY WILL NOT SUCCEED IN HITTING ONE ISOLATED AREA. SEND FOOD COMMODITIES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THESE AREAS AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR PLANTATIONS.

5. MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER BECAUSE OF THE INTIFADA, PRISONERS, WOUNDED AND FAMILIES OF MARTYRS, DEPORTEES AND OWNERS OF DEMOLISHED HOMES AS WELL AS THOSE EXPELLED FROM THEIR WORK, BY VISITING THEM, HOLDING SIT-INS AND EXTENDING A HELPING HAND TO THEM.

6. MONDAY OCTOBER 3 WILL BE A TOTAL STRIKE DAY IN PROTEST AGAINST CONTINUED CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, BY THE AUTHORITIES. SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, SHOULD BE OBSERVED AS A TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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STRIKE DAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE START OF THE TH MONTH OF THE INTIFADA.

MORE UNITY, STRUGGLE AND CONFRONTATION ON THE PATH TO ACHIEVING OUR PEOPLES' CONSTANT NATIONAL RIGHTS.

WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS

THE PLO, THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE INTIFADA IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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SECONDARY IMPORTANCE." JERUSALEM POST SEPTEMBER 29 HEADLINED U.S. AND U.K. CONDEMNATION OF USE OF PLASTIC BULLETS, AND QUOTED REMARKS BY WHITE HOUSE AND STATE SPOKESMEN. POST ALSO SHOWED PICTURE OF PLASTIC BULLET ON FRONT PAGE. IT IS A 5.56 MM ROUND WITH A CASING THAT APPEARS TO BE LONGER AND WIDER THAN A CONVENTIONAL M-16 ROUND. THE TIP OF THE SLUG HAS A SHARP CONICAL POINT SHAPED LIKE A CRAYOLA CRAYON.

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REPORTS SAY THAT IDF HEADQUARTERS BLAMED THE PALESTINIANS, SAYING THAT CASUALTIES ARE THE RESULT OF CONFRONTATIONS ORGANIZED AND ENCOURAGED BY LEADERS OF THE UPRISING.
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TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL

1. SUMMARY: THE JERUSALEM POST OF SEPTEMBER 16
RAN AN INTERVIEW OF THE PLO'S BASSAM ABU SHARIF
BY CORRESPONDENT MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI. IN THE
INTERVIEW, CONDUCTED IN STRASBOURG FOLLOWING
ARAFAT'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, ABU SHARIF ARGUES THAT THE PLO HAS
ACCEPTED UNSCR 242 AND 338, IS READY TO
NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ISRAEL ON THE BASIS OF
242/338 AND THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION
FOR PALESTINIANS, AND THAT PALESTINIANS ARE
PREPARED TO LIVE PEACEFULLY ALONG SIDE ISRAEL AS
AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. HE SAYS THE
DATE FOR A PNC HAS BEEN DETERMINED, BUT DOES NOT
DISCLOSE FURTHER DETAILS. HE DEFENDS PLO
TERRORIST ATTACKS INSIDE ISRAEL (DIMONA) UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE CAIRO DECLARATION, AS RESPONSES
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TO ISRAELI ATTACKS ON THE PLO ABROAD (ABU JIHAD,
LIMASOL). ABU SHARIF SAYS THE INTIFADA WILL
CONTINUE UNTIL ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SAYS JORDAN'S
DISENGAGEMENT SHOWS "NOW THERE IS THE PLO, AND

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ONLY THE PLO." THE TEXT OF THE INTERVIEW
FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF INTERVIEW:

ABU SHARIF: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MEMBERS OF
THE (EUROPEAN) PARLIAMENT WERE EXPECTING, BUT
MANY OF THEM REACTED VERY POSITIVELY. MANY OF
THEM GOT A VERY CLEAR IDEA OF THE SERIOUS AND
COMMITTED STAND OF THE PLO TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PEACE. I AM SURE THAT ARAFAT'S SPEECH
CLARIFIED THE POLITICAL STAND OF THE PLO ON MANY
ISSUES THAT ARE STILL REGARDED BY SOME POLITICAL
POWERS AS UNCLARIFIED. FOR EXAMPLE, TO TAKE UP
ONE ISSUE: I HEARD SEVERAL (ISRAELI) LABOUR
PARTY LEADERS DURING THE BEGINNING OF THEIR
ELECTION CAMPAIGN IMPOSE ON THE PLO CONDITIONS
SUCH AS THE RECOGNITION OF UN RESOLUTIONS 242
AND 338. CHAIRMAN AAFAT HAS SAID VERY CLEARLY
THAT HE ACCEPTS 242 AND 338. NOW THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT IS A WITNESS. SO WHENEVER SHIMON
PERES WILL COME AND SAY "THEY'LL HAVE TO
RECOGNIZE 242 AND 338," THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
CAN TELL HIM: "THEY DID!" I KNOW AND YOU KNOW,
TOO, THAT ARAFAT ALREADY SAID THAT BEFORE. WE
ARE ACCEPTING ALL OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOO?

ABU SHARIF: LET'S NOT GET INTO SEMANTICS. IO
THERE IS A REAL INTENTION TO ESTABLISH PEACE,
THE FORMULA IS VERY CLEAR AND VERY SIMPLE. THE
PALESTINIANS ACCEPT 242 AND 338 AND AT THE SAME
TIME THEY EXPECT OTHERS TO ACCEPT THEIR RIGHT TO
SELF-DETERMINATION. SO ALL RESOLUTIONS THAT
CALL FOR THIS RIGHT SHOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG THE
RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AS A BASIC FOR A
SETTLEMENT AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE.

JP: WHAT ABOUT THE PLO'S CHARTER?

ABU SHARIL: LET ME TELL YOU THIS. THE COVENANT
WAS DRAFTED BEFORE THIS LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO
WAS ELECTED. THE PLO HAS A PROGRAME, THE SAME
WAY ANY PARTY WHICH WOULD HOPE TO WIN THE

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ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL HAS ITS PROGRAME. WE DO NOT OPEN OLD FILES, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FILES OF HERUT, THE BACKBONE OF ONE OF THE PARTNERS OF THE ACTUAL GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THEIR ANTHEM "FROM THE NILE TO THE EUPHEATES" (SIC). WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THE IDEAS OF EXPANSIONISM PUT FORWARD BY CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THE RULING CIRCLES LIKE SHARON. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A POLITICAL SOLUTION THAT DEALS WITH THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND GAZA AND THAT DEALS WITH REALITIES THAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE SEEING NOW VERY CLEARLY AND REALITIES THAT HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, NOT BEEN SEEN BY THE RULING GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL UNTIL NOW. THE PALESTINIANS RESIST OCCUPATION BECAUSE THEY WANT THEIR FREEDOM, THEY WANT TO

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ESTABLISH THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT STATE AND NOT
DESTROY ANOTHER PEOPLE'S STATE.

JP: INCLUDING ISRAEL?

ABJ SHARIF: INCLUDING ISRAEL.

JP: THE PLO NO LONGER WISHES TO DESTROY ISRAEL?

ABU SHARIF: THE PLO HAS NEVER SAID IT WANTED TO
DESTROY ISRAEL. I HOPE THAT PEOPLE WHO TALK A
LOT ABOUT 242 READ IT. THE PEOPLE WHO TALK
ABOUT THE COVENANT SHOULD READ IT TOO, BECAUSE
THE COVENANT DOESN'T SPEAK ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION
OF ISRAEL. BUT I AM NOT DEALING HERE WITH THE
COVENANT, I CONSIDER THAT THE POLITICAL PROGRAMME
OF THE PLO IS THE ONLY PAPER TO WHICH WE ARE
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COMMITTED. WE ARE DEALING WITH REALITIES. THE
REALITY IS THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE CHOSEN
(ACTUAL) POLITICAL FORCES TO RULE THEM, BY
ELECTION. WE WANT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM.

JP: DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT THE PLO COVENANT IS
OUTDATED?

ABU SHARIF: I MEANT WHAT I SAID. I DON'T WANT
TO TALK ABOUT THE CHARTER, FRANKLY.

JP: BUT EVERY TIME YOU WILL MEET WITH AN
ISRAELI, HE WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE COVENANT,
BECAUSE IN HIS EYES IT IS ONE OF THE MAIN
OBSTACLES TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PLO.

ABU SHARIF: YASSER ARAFAT MADE CLEAR AND SAID
IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT HE
IS HOLDING OUT HIS HAND FOR PEACE AND HE IS
WAITING FOR A COURAGEOUS ISRAELI LEADER TO SIT
DOWN AND TALK AND NEGOTIATE PFACE AND THAT HE IS
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE AND
NOT FOR DESTROYING OTHERS. HE IS VERY CLEAR ON
THAT.

JP: ARE YOU READY TO DEFINE THE BORDERS OF THE

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PALESTINIAN STATE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

ABU SHARIF: I THINK THAT THIS IS THE POINT WHICH SHOULD BE LEFT FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRINCIPAL POINT FROM WHICH WE CAN START THIS PROCESS OF PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE OCCUPIER OF WITHDRAWAL, OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE PLO OF THE RESOLUTIONS THAT ENSURE SECURITY, SAFETY OF BORDERS AND SOVEREIGNTY FOR ISRAEL.

JP: IN THAT ORDER?

ABU SHARIF: NO, NOT NECESSARILY; ON AN EQUAL BASIS. BECAUSE IF PERES WOULD COME OUT AND SAY "I AM FOR THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS" - WE ARE SAYING THAT WE ARE FOR 242 AND 338 AND THE RIGHT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION - I THINK THIS IS A STARTING POINT.

JP: WHAT IF SHAMIR SAYS THAT?

ABU SHARIF: FRANKLY SPEAKING, I AM NOT DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THE TWO, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES. BUT REGARDING THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, UP TO NOW I CANOT DISTINGUISH THEM. THE FASCIST MEASURES THAT ARE BEING USED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE, IN THE WEST BAK AND GAZA, ARE BEING DECIDED BY BOTH AND IMPLEMENTED BY BOTH. I DON'T SAY "SHAMIR" OR "PERES," BUT WHOEVER WILL BE ELECTED BY THE ISRAELIS. BECAUSE HE WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISRAELIS THE SAME WAY THE PLO IS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS. I DO NOT ALLOW THE ISRAELIS OR THE AMERICANS OR THE JORDANIANS TO CHOOSE FOR OUR PEOPLE WHO REPRESENTS THEM. IN THE SAME WAY, I DON'T ALLOW MYSELF TO CHOOSE FOR THE ISRAELIS WHO REPRESENTS THEM. WE ARE READY TO DEAL WITH ANY

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISRAELIS WHO ARE
COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO SIT AND TALK AND NEGOTIATE
PEACE.

JP: DO YOU THINK THIS WILL BE THE OUTCOME OF
THE COMING EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE PNC?

ABU SHARIL: WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID IS BASED ON
RESOLUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL BECAUSE WHAT
I HAVE SAID DID NOT DEAL WITH THE MECHANISM OR
WITH THE APPARATUS OF ACHIEVING THE PEACE. WE
HAVE TAKEN A CLEAR STAND CALLING FOR THIS IN THE
CONTEXT OF NEGOTIATIONS IN AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE WHICH WILL HAVE AS PARTICIPANTS ALL
THE SIDES CONCERNED, ISRAEL, PLO AND OTHERS,
PLUS THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN
SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS HAS A LOGIC.
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SOME OF THE ISRAELI POLITICIANS TRY TO MISLEAD THE ISRAELIS BY SAYING THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE WILL BE A THREAT TO ISRAEL. "IF WE ALLOW A PALESTINIAN STATE ON OUR BORDERS, IT WILL MEAN THAT THE NEXT DAY YOU WILL HAVE TERRORISTS AND TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL. THEY WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO US" AND SO ON. THEY ARE MISLEADING THE ISRAELIS AND MOBILIZING THEM PSYCHOLOGICALLY IN THE WRONG DIRECTION BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN AIMS, POLITICAL AIMS, WHICH ARE DEFINITELY AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THE REGION.

WE SAY "THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL" FOR TWO REASONS. ONE REASON IS THE GUARANTEE OF THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. THESE STATES ARE SUPPOSED TO GIVE AN INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE FOR SECURITY AND SECURE BORDERS. SECOND, IT IS FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR STATE, BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE AFRAID OF THE GIGANTIC MILITARY MACHINE OF ISRAEL, OF THE NUCLEAR POWER OF ISRAEL. AND THEREFORE, WHEN WE HAVE THIS INTERNATIONAL FORUM, THE FIVE CAN DEFINITELY GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF OUR STATE AND OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

JP: HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN CAN BE A GUARANTEE? THE UN HAS NEVER SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING A WAR OR AN ACT OF AGGRESSION?

ABU SHARIF. I DIDN'T SAY THE UN. I SAID THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

JP: DON'T YOU THINK THAT DIRECT TALKS WOULD BE MUCH MORE FRUITFUL THAN GOING THROUGH ALL THIS INTERNATIONAL AND CONFERENCE BUSINESS?

ABU SHARIF: THE PLO WANTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL. DO YOU THINK WE ARE GOING TO AN

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO TALK TO KING
HUSSEIN? OR TO NEGOTIATE WITH FRANCE OR WITH
THE UNITED STATES? WE WANT TO GO TO AN
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE WITH
ISRAEL. THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ARE THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE ABLE
TO SUPPLY ISRAEL OR PALESTINE WITH ARMS. THEIR
PRESENCE, THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE AGREEMENT
SHOULD BE RESPECTED, BUT I AGREE WITH YOU THAT
THE BASIS REMAINS THE RESPECT OF THE AGREEMENT
BY THE TWO MAIN PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT,
INDEPENDENT PALESTINE AND ISRAEL.

JP: DOES THAT MEAN THAT IF ISRAEL WOULD AGREE
TO HAVE DIRECT TALKS WITH YOU, YOU WOULD
PENOUNCE THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE?

ABU SHARIF: I DIDN'T SAY THAT, BECAUSE UNTIL
NOW WE SEE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS
THE BEST WAY OF GETTING THE WHEELS OF PEACE TO
MOVE. THE KNESSET'S DECISION STATING THAT NO
(ISRAELI) GOVERNMENT IS ALLOWED TO NEGOTIATE THE
FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK BEFORE A GENERAL
PLEBISCITE IS STILL IN FORCE. UNTIL NOW, ALL
THE EFFORTS OF THE PLO TO PUSH FORWARD A
PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAD

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RECEIVED ONLY A REJECTION FROM THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT AND ALSO A CERTAIN EXTENT FROM SOME
OTHER INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES.

JP: WHAT IS YASSER ARAFAT'S POSITION NOW WITHIN
THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT? WHAT IS THE STRENGTH
OF PEOPLE LIKE ABU MUSSA AND AHMAD JIBRIL?

ABU SHARIF: IN APRIL 1987 YASSER ARAFAT WAS
UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AT THE LAST PNC MEETING AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE PLO. THE ONLY ONE WHO DID NOT
VOTE WAS ARAFAT HIMSELF. THE SMALL GROUPS
CONTROLLED BY THE SYRIANS, ABU MUSSA AND JIBRIL,
HAVE BEEN KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME AS SYRIAN
PUPPETS. THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED BY THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS PALESTINIAN
ORGANIZATIONS. ARAFAT, WHO STARTED AS LEADER OF
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THE FATAH AND THEN LEADER OF THE PLO, IS NOW THE
LEADER OF THE PALESTINIANS. THERE ARE THOUSANDS
OF PALESTINIANS ALL THROUGH THE WORLD AND IN
PARTICULAR INSIDE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHO
ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE (PLO) ORGANIZATION, BUT
WHO REGARD THE PLO AS THEIR NATIONAL IDENTITY,
AND WHO CONSIDER YASSER ARAFAT TO BE THEIR
LEADER.

JP: IF ARAFAT IS RECOGNIZED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE
IN SUCH A WAY, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY
DIFFICULTIES IN CONVENING THE PNC?

ABU SHARIF: THIS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IS GOING
TO DEAL WITH AN HISTORIC ISSUE. OUR CENTRAL
COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO PREPARE THIS SESSION IN

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A VERY SCIENTIFIC WAY BY DRAFTING ALL THE PAPERS NECESSARY ON THE ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED. ALL THE AD-HOC COMMITTEES HAVE REMITTED THEIR PAPERS, AND NOW IT IS UP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DECIDE THE PROPER TIMING, NOT BECAUSE OF DISPUTES OR DIFFERENCES, BUT TO ACHIEVE THE BEST EFFECT ON THE PALESTINIANS, ON THE REGIONAL AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

JP: THE DATE OF THE PNC HAS NOT BEEN SET YET?

ABU SHARIF: IT HAS.

JP: SO, WHEN?

ABU SHARIF: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY WHEN.

MARWAN KANAFANI: IT WILL BE AT THE BEGINNING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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JP: IS IT WISE TO HOLD THE PNC SESSION BEFORE THE ELECTIONS BOTH IN ISRAEL AND IN THE UNITED STATES?

ABU SHARIF: I DON'T MEAN THAT ISRAELI ELECTIONS ARE NOT IMPORTANT TO US. WE ARE FOLLOWING EVERY SINGLE SPEECH OF YOUR CAMPAIGN. WE ARE FOLLOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES BUT THESE EVENTS DO NOT INFLUENCE THE DECISION ON WHEN TO CONVENE THE PNC.

JP: WILL THE INTIFADA GO ON?

ABU SHARIF: THE INTIFADA WILL GO ON BECAUSE RESISTANCE TO OCCUPATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE OCCUPATION WILL CEASE.

JP: WHAT ABOUT THE TERRORIST ATTACKS INSIDE THE GREEN LINE?

ABU SHARIF: MILITARY OPERATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AGAINST ISRAEL, THE ISRAELI ARMY, WILL DEFINITELY CONTINUE AS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE.

JP: I WAS ASKING YOU ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS, LIKE IN HAIFA. (AT THIS POINT, ABU

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SHARIF TURNED TO KANAFANI AND ASKED IN ARABIC WHO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HAIFA TERRORIST ATTACK.)

ABU SHARIF: THE DIMONA OPERATION WAS PLO. HAIFA WAS JIBRIL. DIMONA WAS AN ATTACK AGAINST

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UNDERTAKING TO EGYPT BY ARAFAT NOT TO ATTACK
TARGETS OUTSIDE ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES). THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD,
OF THREE PLO CADRES IN LIMASSOL, THE BOMBING OF
THE "SHIP OF RETURN," THE ASSASSINATION OF OTHER
CADRES IN ATHENS. IT IS SAID CLEARLY BY MANY
ISRAELI OFFICIALS THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR
OPERATIONS AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS AND
LEADERSHIP. WHY DO YOU EXPECT THE PLO TO REMAIN
SILENT? ARAFAT SAID IN STRASPOURG THAT THE PLO
WILL REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE CAIRO DECLARATION
UNTIL THE PLO DECIDES OTHERWISE, MAYBE AS A
REACTION TO THE ISRAELI ATTITUDE OF NO RESPECT
FOR THIS DECLARATION.

JP: WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE A SIGNIFICANT
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ENOUGH ISRAELI GESTURE FOR THE PLO TO CALL A
HALT TO THE INTIFADA?

ABU SHARIF: JUDGING FROM THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL
RESPONSE TO THE PLO PEACE OFFERS, THIS
HYPOTHESIS IS NOT REALISTIC. INTIFADA IS
RESISTANCE TO THE OCCUPATION. IF ISRAEL
ANNOUNCES ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK AND
FROM GAZA, THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO CONTINUE THE
INTIFADA.

JP: WHAT WOULD ISRAEL GET IN EXCHANGE FOR ITS
WITHDRAWAL?

ABU SHARIF: A NEGOTIATED PEACE, AN
INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY.
WE WILL BE READY TO ACCEPT UN FORCES ON THE
BORDERS IF THIS WOULD MAKE THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT FEEL BETTER.

JP: KING HUSSEIN'S DECISION (TO SEVER THE
ADMINISTRATIVE LINKS WITH THE WEST BANK) HAS
SURPRISED ARAFAT. DID IT PUT THE PLO IN A
DIFFICULT POSITION?

ABU SHARIF: IT HAS INCREASED THE BURDEN OF OUR
PEOPLE UNDER OCCUPATION. THE PLO DID NOT
HESITATE TO STEP IN AND FILL THE GAP BY TAKING
ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES.

JP: DO YOU RESENT THE KING'S DECISION?
ABU SHARIF: THE CENTRAL COUNCIL HAS SAID THAT
WE WILL KEEP OUR CONTACTS WITH THE KING.
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JP: IN THIS NEW SITUATION, DOES JORDAN REMAIN A
PARTY TO THE CONFLICT? IN CASE OF AN
INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE, FOR INSTANCE?

ABU SHARIF: JORDAN HAS A PART OF ITS TERRITORY
OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL, ACCORDING TO HIS MAJESTY,
NEAR THE ARAVA VALLEY. THAT WOULD MAKE JORDAN A
PARTY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE ON
THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. BUT THE "JORDANIAN
OPTION" WHICH SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR,

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IS OVER. NOW THERE IS THE PLO, AND ONLY THE
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AND THE OPPOSITION PRESS (NORMALLY WEEKLIES). BOTH CATEGORIES REFLECT THE INCREASING INDEPENDENCE OF THE EGYPTIAN PRESS. THE OPPOSITION PAPERS ARE NOT ONLY LIMITED IN CIRCULATION (10,000-60,000, EXCEPT FOR THE WIDER CIRCULATION AL-WAFD), BUT ALSO WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS IRRESPONSIBLE. NONETHELESS, THEIR STORIES FORM PART OF THE CAIRO RUMOR MILL; THEY CAN PROMPT DEFENSIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND INSPIRE PARALLEL STORIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS.

HIGHLIGHTS

-- MUBARAK WINDS UP A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA.

-- EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL STATES THAT QUICK IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VERDICT ON TABA WOULD LEAD TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

-- COLUMNISTS COMMENT ON THE LAUNCHING OF THE ISRAELI SATELLITE.

-- RIOT IN UPPER EGYPT IN PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT POLICY.

-- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD REPORTS EGYPT DENOUNCED ISRAEL'S METHODS OF DIVIDING THE ARABS; RUNS FIRST INTERVIEW TO APPEAR IN OPPOSITION PRESS WITH RETIRED ISRAELI GENERALS HARKABI AND YARIV.

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ESTABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. MUBARAK'S EUROPEAN TOUR. THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL WEEKEND PAPERS REPORTS MUBARAK'S TALKS IN YUGOSLAVIA ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST, THE GULF WAR, THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, FOREIGN DEBTS, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN STATEMENTS TO TV, MUBARAK CALLED UPON THE PLO TO MAKE WELL-STUDIED DECISIONS SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF DURING THE ISRAELI AND US ELECTIONS. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON BOOSTING JOINT COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS AND THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY. REPORTEDLY, YUGOSLAVIA WILL SUPPORT EGYPT'S STAND TOWARDS

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THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK. ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 25
REPORT MUBARAK'S ARRIVAL IN LONDON TO HOLD TALKS WITH
THATCHER, KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN, AND THE BAHRAIN PRIME
MINISTER.

2. ARAFAT LEAVES CAIRO. ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 23 REPORT
ARAFAT LEFT CAIRO AFTER A ONE-DAY VISIT DURING WHICH HE
HELD TALKS WITH MUBARAK AND GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO EGYPTIAN
TELEVISION. ARAFAT RENEWED HIS CALL UPON ISRAEL TO ACCEPT
AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT THE PNC WOULD
DISCUSS SEVEN OPTIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PALESTINIAN STATE IN ALGIERS NEXT MONTH. IN HIS TV
INTERVIEW, ARAFAT CALLED UPON ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE
PLO AND ESTABLISH A "COURAGEOUS" PEACE, ADDING THAT THE
UPRISING WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL "VICTORY" OR PEACE IS
ACHIEVED.

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3. TABA. AHAM SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS A HIGH-LEVEL EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL AFFIRMED THAT THE VERDICT ON TABA WILL BE IN FAVOR OF EGYPT, NOTING THAT QUICK IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VERDICT WOULD LEAD TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS BEYOND THE SUBJECT OF CONFLICT. IN A RELATED ITEM, AHAM REPORTS THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY TAMIR WILL DISCUSS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS IN GENEVA MEANS OF CARRYING OUT THE AWARD.

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AKHBAR EL-YOM SEPTEMBER 24 NOTES THAT MUBARAK HAD REFUSED AN ISRAELI OFFER TO CONSIDER THE HOTEL IN TABA A JOINT PROPERTY WITH 49 PER CENT FOR THE ISRAELI SIDE AND 51 PER CENT FOR THE EGYPTIAN SIDE. MUBARAK INFORMED THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUILD A HOTEL ON A LAND THAT WAS NOT THEIRS. AHAM SEPTEMBER 25 REPORTS THAT AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD, EGYPT WILL PUBLISH A WHITE BOOK ON TABA INCLUDING ALL DOCUMENTS, MAPS, AND PROCEEDINGS.

4. ON THE ISRAELI SATELLITE. AHAM SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS

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THE USSR ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISRAELI SATELLITE OFEK I COULD LEAD TO A NEW ESCALATION IN THE ARMS RACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THAT MOSCOW UNDERSTANDS ARAB FEARS ABOUT THE LAUNCHING OF THIS ISRAELI SATELLITE FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE ISRAEL INSISTS ON PROCEEDING WITH ITS MILITARY PROJECTS WHILE NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

AKHBAR'S DAILY COLUMNIST ABDEL MONEIM MURAD SEPTEMBER 23 COMMENTS ON THIS EVENT AND ACCUSES THE ARABS OF BEING LAZY AND BACKWARD BECAUSE THEY ONLY THINK ABOUT FOOD AND SEX, WHILE ISRAEL - A SMALL COUNTRY THAT IS NOT WEALTHY - HAS

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MANAGED THROUGH HARD WORK TO ACHIEVE A TECHNOLOGICAL LEAP AND SURPASS ALL THE ARABS. THE COLUMNIST FURTHER CRITICIZES THE "STUPID" ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH THINK THAT THE US AND ISRAEL AIM AT INTRODUCING FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THEIR POPULATION SO THAT THEY MAY NOT POSE A DANGER TO THEM.

GUMHOURIYYA'S COLUMNIST AWATEF ABDEL GALIL SEPTEMBER 24 WRITES THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SATELLITE IS NOT ESPIONAGE, BECAUSE ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS OBTAINED THE INFORMATION IT WANTS THROUGH US SATELLITES. NOTING THAT ISRAEL CAN NOW HIT ANY SPOT IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD WITH A NUCLEAR MISSILE, THE COLUMNIST CONCLUDES THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF LAUNCHING THE SATELLITE IS TO SERVE ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONIST AIMS IN THE ARAB WORLD.

5. INTERVIEW WITH PERES. FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN A ROW, AHRAM RUNS AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ISRAELI OFFICIAL. THIS TIME AHRAM INTERVIEWS PERES, WHO SAID THAT HIS MEETING WITH ABDEL MEGUID, PRESIDENT REAGAN, AND SHULTZ IS AIMED AT GIVING MOMENTUM TO THE PEACE PROCESS. HOWEVER, PERES NOTED, THE MEETING WOULD HAVE LITTLE POSITIVE EFFECT BECAUSE THE PALESTINIANS STILL DO NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL OR RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. PERES EXPRESSED RESPECT FOR MUBARAK'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE.

ON THE SAME PAGE, AHRAM COMMENTS ON THE LAUNCHING OF THE ISRAELI SATELLITE AND WRITES THAT IT IS AIMED MAINLY AT OBLITERATING THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING TAKEN BY SURPRISE AS OCCURRED IN THE OCTOBER WAR.

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6. EGYPT/US. ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 24 REPORT EGYPT AND THE US CONCLUDED A DEAL, WHEREBY THE FORMER WILL GET PILOTLESS BEACH CRAFT PLANES TO MONITOR EGYPTIAN SHORES AND DETECT ANY ATTEMPT BY FOREIGN SHIPS TO GET RID OF WASTE NEAR EGYPTIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. AHAM SEPTEMBER 22 REPORTS THAT USAID DECIDED TO DOUBLE ITS FINANCING TO THE COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY FROM DOLLARS 20 MILLION TO DOLLARS 40 MILLION.

7. EGYPTIAN-ARAB RELATIONS. AHAM SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS EGYPT OBTAINED ITS FIRST LOAN FROM THE ARAB MONETARY FUND SINCE APRIL, WHEN THE FREEZE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP WAS TERMINATED. THE LOAN AMOUNTS TO DOLLARS 18.3 MILLION WITH AN ANNUAL INTEREST RATE RANGING BETWEEN 3.75 AND 4.75 PER CENT TO BE REPAID OVER FOUR INSTALLMENTS EVERY SIX MONTHS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE AFTER A GRACE PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS. SEPARATELY, AHAM REPORTS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION WILL DISCUSS A MEMORANDUM IN ITS MEETING SEPTEMBER 25 ON EGYPT'S RETURN TO THE ORGANIZATION.

8. EGYPT/KUWAIT. AKHBAR EL-YOM SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTS AN EGYPTIAN DELEGATION FROM THE ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION LEFT FOR KUWAIT TO DISCUSS CONCLUDING A DEAL, WHEREBY EGYPT WILL PROVIDE KUWAIT WITH MODERN EGYPTIAN-MADE JEEPS.

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9. EGYPT/UAE. ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 23 REPORT THAT TWO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED WITH UAE AT THE END OF THE TALKS CURRENTLY HELD IN CAIRO. THE FIRST AGREEMENT IS FOR CULTURAL COOPERATION, AND THE SECOND IS FOR ACTIVATION OF TOURISM THROUGH ESTABLISHING A TOURIST COMPANY WITH
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CAPITAL OF LE 100 MILLION. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMITTEE TO BOOST AND FOLLOW UP COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

10. EGYPT/IMF/IBRD. AHAM SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION NOW IN WEST BERLIN WILL HOLD TALKS WITH THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK ON IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW ECONOMIC REFORM COURSE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT. AHAM SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTS THE IMF HAILED THE SOUNDNESS OF THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC REFORM COURSE WHICH RESULTED IN INCREASING THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT BY 4 PER CENT.

11. EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL APPROVED. AHAM REPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN SOFIA CONDEMNED ISRAELI ACTS OF REPRESSION AGAINST UNARMED PALESTINIANS AND CALLED FOR PUTTING AN END TO THESE INHUMAN PRACTICES. THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO A PROPOSAL BY THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION REGARDING THE DISPATCHING OF A FACT-FINDING COMMISSION TO THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. SEPARATELY, AHAM REPORTS PERES ANNOUNCED AFTER MEETING WITH MITTERRAND THAT HE IS READY TO GIVE UP GAZA AND PARTS OF THE WEST BANK THAT CONTAIN A CLEAR ARAB MAJORITY.

12. EGYPT/CHINA. AHAM SEPTEMBER 26 REPORTS EGYPT AND CHINA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGING PROFESSORS, SENDING EGYPTIAN DELEGATES TO STUDY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN CHINA, AND RECEIVING CHINESE STUDENTS TO STUDY ARABIC IN EGYPT.

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DOMESTIC NEWS

13. STRIKE IN MAHALLA. WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT THAT 45
WORKERS FROM MISR SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LOCATED IN
THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF AL-MAHALLA AL-KUBRA NEAR

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ALEXANDRIA, HAVE BEEN JAILED ON CHARGES OF RIOTING, RESISTING AUTHORITIES, AND IMPEDING PRODUCTION. THE WORKERS HAD SHOUTED ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS, ANNOUNCED A SIT-IN STRIKE, AND CALLED FOR CASHING THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BONUS, WHICH WAS NOT PAID TO WORKERS BY THE GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR.

14. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION REGULATION. AKHBAR SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS ON NEW AMENDMENTS IN THE EXECUTIVE REGULATION OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION LAW. THE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE PERMITTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE LOCAL COUNCILS TO FIVE YEARS INSTEAD OF FOUR.

15. MEAT BOYCOTT. AKHBAR SEPTEMBER 25 REPORTS HOUSEWIVES IN ALEXANDRIA ADDRESSED A WARNING TO BUTCHERS AND FISH AND POULTRY MERCHANTS TO REDUCE THEIR PRICES WITHIN A WEEK OTHERWISE A BOYCOTT WILL BE ANNOUNCED. THIS DECISION BY THE HOUSEWIVES WAS MADE AFTER STUDYING THE PROFIT MARGIN IN ALL SUPPLY COMMODITIES.

16. ARMS PRODUCTION. AHAM REPORTS STATE MINISTER FOR MILITARY PRODUCTION GAMAL AL-SAYYID AFFIRMED THAT THE LOCAL ARMS INDUSTRY SAVED 40 PER CENT OF ITS IMPORT COSTS. HE ADDED THAT EGYPT'S PROGRAM TO MANUFACTURE THE M1A1 TANK WAS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN, NOTING THAT EGYPT WILL MANUFACTURE 90 PER CENT OF THE TANK IN A FEW
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YEARS.

17. AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY. AHAM SEPTEMBER 22 REPORTS THE PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY INCREASED BY 100 PER CENT DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL BANK SAID THAT THE BANK ALLOCATED LE 284 MILLION LAST YEAR TO FINANCE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, BUT ONLY 45 PER CENT OF THIS AMOUNT WAS USED.

18. TV NEWS SEPTEMBER 24: MUBARAK ARRIVED IN LONDON FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT AFTER WINDING UP HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA; THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF UAE LEAVES CAIRO; THE SITUATION IN LEBANON; ISRAELI RAID ON TWO PALESTINIAN SITES IN SIDON RESULTING IN THE KILLING OF 33 PALESTINIANS; CLASHES BETWEEN ISRAELI FORCES AND PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A PALESTINIAN CHILD; US-SOVIET UNDERSTANDING ABOUT

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MONITORING THE IRAQI-IRANIAN BORDERS BY SATELLITES; THE MINISTER OF AWQAF RECEIVES HIS JORDANIAN AND IRAQI COUNTERPARTS; SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA; THE HEAD OF THE EGYPTIAN RADIO AND TV FEDERATION RECEIVES THE VISITING AFRICAN MINISTERS OF INFORMATION.

19. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER 22: USD 1 EQUALS PT 231.0 (BUYING) AND PT 231.6 (SELLING).

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20. EGYPT/ISRAEL. AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS STATE

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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUTROS GHALI STRONGLY DENOUNCED A REPORT BY AN ISRAELI PAPER THAT MUBARAK INFORMED THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO THAT IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN WAS WILLING TO CONCLUDE A RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. GHALI DESCRIBED THIS AS A GROUNDLESS LIE AND EXPRESSIVE OF "CHEAP" METHODS INTENDED TO DRIVE A WEDGE AMONG THE ARABS. AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTS ISRAEL INFORMED EGYPT OF ITS PROTEST AGAINST THE INCREASED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE PLO AND THE RECENT MUBARAK-ARAFAT MEETING. THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ISSUED A STATEMENT CLAIMING THAT ARAFAT'S VISIT TO CAIRO WAS A VIOLATION OF THE PEACE TREATY AND THAT EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN CONTACTS WOULD IMPEDE PEACE EFFORTS IN THE REGION.

AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 24 DEVOTES A WHOLE PAGE TO ISRAELI FOREIGN RELATIONS. HALF OF THE PAGE IS A REPORT ON THE LAUNCHING OF THE OFEK-I SATELLITE, IN WHICH AL-WAFD EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT TEL AVIV IS GETTING READY TO DEAL A QUICK PRE-EMPTIVE BLOW INSTEAD OF ENGAGING IN A WAR AGAINST THE ARABS.

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GENERALS OF WAR CALL FOR PEACE", AL-WAFD RUNS AN INTERVIEW WITH RETIRED ISRAELI GENERAL HARKABI AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE YARIV, WHO SAID THAT ESTABLISHING A PALESTINIAN STATE WAS A NECESSITY TO GUARANTEE ISRAELI SECURITY. HARKABI NOTED THAT OTHER RETIRED GENERALS AND US JEWS SUPPORT THIS IDEA TOO BUT THEY ARE AFRAID OF VOICING THEIR OPINION FOR FEAR OF TERRORISM OF JEWISH EXTREMISTS. HARKABI POINTED OUT THAT ISRAELI POLICY TOWARD THE PLO SHOULD BE CHANGED, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENT CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE PLO.
(NOTE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE ARE AWARE OF AN
OPPOSITION PAPER PUBLISHING INTERVIEWS WITH ISRAELIS.)

21. DEMONSTRATIONS. AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTS THAT DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE ISLAMIC GAM'AAT AND INHABITANTS BROKE OUT IN AL-MINYA IN PROTEST AGAINST THE PRICE INCREASES AND THE SIEGE LAID TO AL-RAHMAN MOSQUE, THE STRONGHOLD OF THE ISLAMIC GAM'AAT. LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED DENOUNCING THE GOVERNMENT FOR "ROBBING AND STARVING THE PEOPLE." AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 25 ADDS THAT DEMONSTRATIONS BROKE OUT IN SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNORATES IN UPPER EGYPT IN PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PAY THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BONUS TO GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS.

22. ANOTHER TOUR BY MUBARAK. AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 25 CLAIMS THAT MUBARAK WILL MAKE A TOUR OF EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES IN JANUARY TO CONSOLIDATE EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES.

23. ITALIAN PROPOSAL. AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 25 REPORTS THAT ITALY HAS EXPRESSED READINESS TO HOST EGYPTIAN-IRANIAN TALKS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF RELEASING THE EGYPTIAN PRISONERS IN IRAN.
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INCREASING CHALLENGE TO SECULAR NATIONALIST
PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS ON THE WEST BANK.
RECENT WEEKS HAVE SEEN DIRECT CHALLENGES BY THE
MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD-CREATED GROUP "HAMAS" TO THE
PLO/UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING
(UNLU) WHICH CURRENTLY LEADS THE UPRISING. THIS

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CHALLENGE, WHICH HAS MET WITH MIXED SUCCESS, HAS
TAKEN THE FORM OF LEAFLETS CRITICAL OF UNLU AND
THE PLO, ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE ALTERNATIVE STRIKE
DAYS, AND EVEN CLASHES IN CERTAIN LOCALITIES.
THUS FAR, HAMAS HAS DEMONSTRATED STRENGTH IN

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THOSE AREAS WHERE EXISTING ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE WIDESPREAD POPULAR SUPPORT: NABLUS AND THE NORTHERN WEST BANK, WHERE IT SEEMS TO BE BEST ORGANIZED; THE RAMALLAH-EL BIREH AREA; AND HEBRON. ITS ATTEMPTS TO MAKE INROADS INTO THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE OF BETHLEHEM-BEIT JALA-BEIT SAHOUR HAVE BEEN RESISTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. HAMAS REMAINS WEAK IN COSMOPOLITAN EAST JERUSALEM. WHATEVER THE CURRENT ACTUAL STRENGTH OF HAMAS--AND ESTIMATES VARY WIDELY--IT HAS SUCCEEDED IN BECOMING A FACTOR TO BE RECKONED WITH IN CONSIDERING THE FUTURE OF THE INTIFADA ON THE WEST BANK.

3. HAMAS IS NOT THE ONLY MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP FUNCTIONING ON THE WEST BANK. THE FATAH-AFFILIATED "ISLAMIC JIHAD"--NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE SHIITE GROUP OF THE SAME NAME FOUND IN LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE--WAS CRIPPLED BY THE KILLING OF THREE SENIOR LEADERS IN CYPRUS. IT HAS NOT RECOVERED TO ESTABLISH ITSELF AS AN INDEPENDENT PLAYER IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF WEST BANK PALESTINIANS. OTHER SMALL, SHADOWY GROUPS ALSO RISE AND FALL, CREATING LITTLE MORE THAN A RIPPLE.

4. THIS REPORT IS ONLY A PRELIMINARY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE STUDY. ISLAMIC



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FUNDAMENTALIST GROUPS ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PENETRATE; UNDERSTANDING THEIR INTERNAL STRUCTURES AND EXTERNAL GOALS WILL TAKE MUCH TIME AND PATIENCE. THIS IS A FIRST PASS AT THE SUBJECT ON THE WEST BANK, BASED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON CONTACTS FROM JERUSALEM AND THE NORTHERN WEST BANK CITY OF NABLUS. WE HAVE LESS COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN WEST BANK. GAZA HAS ITS OWN PATTERN OF ISLAMIC POLITICS. WE WOULD WELCOME INFORMATION FROM CAIRO AND AMMAN ON EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN ISLAMIC POLITICAL TIES WITH THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

HAMAS--BACKGROUND AND HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

5. HAMAS IS A CREATION OF THE MUSLIM

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BROTHERHOOD (MB), WITH TIES TO THE MB THROUGHOUT THE ISLAMIC WORLD. THE NAME "HAMAS" WAS APPARENTLY CHOSEN IN FEBRUARY 1988, BUT NOT USED EXTENSIVELY UNTIL MAY. AN ACRONYM FOR "ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT," THE WORD ITSELF IS ARABIC FOR "ZEALOTS."

6. ALTHOUGH PALESTINIANS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WEST BANK HAVE STRONG ISLAMIC CONVICTIONS, THEY TEND TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES POLITICALLY IN SECULAR TERMS. ISLAM HAS, HOWEVER, PLAYED A ROLE IN WEST BANK POLITICS SINCE THE LATE 1940S, WHEN THE MB FIRST CAME TO THE WEST BANK. THE MB WAS SHORTLY AFTER DISCREDITED IN THE EYES OF

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PALESTINIANS BY ITS SUPPORT FOR KING HUSSEIN IN HIS POWER STRUGGLE AGAINST PM NABULSI IN THE MID-50S. DURING JORDANIAN RULE, IT WAS TIGHTLY MONITORED BY JORDANIAN INTELLIGENCE AND DID NOT GAIN SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE UNTIL THE MID- TO LATE-70S, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK.

7. IN 1976, MO SUPPORTERS ATTACKED AND BURNED A NABLUS THEATER SHOWING AN "IMMODEST" PLAY. THIS IS OFTEN CONSIDERED THE BEGINNING OF THE MB'S EMERGENCE AS A VIABLE POLITICAL FORCE IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK. ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS BUILT A POWER BASE IN AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY, WHERE THEY GAINED CONTROL OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL IN 1978. THIS SURGE IN POPULARITY WAS PROBABLY DUE

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TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS: 1) THE RISE OF KHOMEINISM IN IRAN, WHICH GAVE FUNDAMENTALISM A BOOST THROUGHOUT THE MUSLIM WORLD; 2) THE DISCREDITING OF TRADITIONAL ARAB LEADERS IN THE WAKE OF SADAT'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM; 3) A LARGE INFLOW OF MONEY FROM THE MB IN JORDAN AND EGYPT; AND 4) THE DENIAL BY FUNDAMENTALISTS THAT THEY BELONGED TO THE FORMERLY DISCREDITED MB-- INSTEAD, THEY CALLED THEMSELVES THE "INDEPENDENT ISLAMIC BLOC."

8. SUPPORT FOR THE FUNDAMENTALISTS AT AN-NAJAH, AS ELSEWHERE IN THE WEST BANK, HAS EBBED AND FLOWED ACCORDING TO THE PLO'S FORTUNES AND THE STATUS OF FUNDAMENTALISM IN THE MUSLIM WORLD. SECULAR LEADERS IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK, AIDED BY PLO MONEY, WORKED TO CONTAIN THE FUNDAMENTALISTS AND REDUCE THEIR INFLUENCE IN AN-NAJAH UNIVERSITY. THE FUNDAMENTALISTS LOST CREDIBILITY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THE PLO BORE THE BRUNT OF THE FIGHTING DURING THE 1982 INVASION OF LEBANON AND DURING THE PERIOD OF ARAFAT-HUSSEIN RECONCILIATION. THEY HAVE GAINED STRENGTH WHEN THE PLO APPEARED WEAK AND DIVIDED.

9. BY THE END OF 1987, FUNDAMENTALISTS AND NATIONALISTS IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK HAD

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ACHIEVED AN UNEASY STATUS QUO MARKED BY OCCASIONAL VIOLENT CLASHES. IN NABLUS THE FUNDAMENTALISTS TENDED TO BE RESENTED BY THE SECULAR COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO FEARED.

10. WHEN THE INTIFADA BEGAN, THE MB ACTED DECISIVELY TO SEIZE A ROLE. SEVERAL FACTORS

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CONTRIBUTED TO THE MB DECISION TO INVOLVE ITSELF FOR SEVERAL REASONS. ISLAMIC JIHAD HAD WON CONSIDERABLE PRESTIGE FOR ITS ROLE IN GAZA, AND THE MB FEARED LOSING SUPPORT AND CREDIBILITY IN THE FUNDAMENTALIST COMMUNITY. INDIVIDUAL MB MEMBERS WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTIFADA; THE MB LEADERSHIP FEARED THAT IF MEMBERS COULD NOT USE THE MB AS A VEHICLE FOR PARTICIPATION, THEY WOULD TURN TO OTHER FUNDAMENTALIST OR NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS. MB LEADERS BELIEVED, THEN AS NOW, THAT THE INTIFADA WILL BE CARRIED TO A CONCLUSION. THEY WANTED A SAY IN THAT FINAL SETTLEMENT. FINALLY, THE MB HAD A READY-MADE ORGANIZATION PRESENT IN THE WEST BANK. ACCORDINGLY, THE MB CREATED HAMAS IN FEBRUARY 1988 AND BEGAN ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE UPRISING.

HAMAS--STRUCTURE

11. THE MB HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO, WITH A BRANCH IN AMMAN. SUB-BRANCHES ARE PRESENT IN THE WEST BANK (NABLUS) AND GAZA. THE HEAD OF THE MB IN THE WEST BANK REPORTEDLY IS NABIL BUSHTAWI, OF NABLUS. OTHER KEY WEST-BANK FIGURES FROM NABLUS ARE SHEIKH SAID BILAL AND HAMID BITAWI.

12. THE RELATION BETWEEN CAIRO, AMMAN, THE WEST BANK, AND GAZA REMAINS UNCLEAR, AS IS THE RELATION BETWEEN THE NABLUS LEADERSHIP AND OTHER

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AREAS OF THE WEST BANK. THERE ARE STRONG LINKS WITH CAIRO AND AMMAN, AND SOME MB LEADERS MAY HOLD POSITIONS IN JORDANIAN INTELLIGENCE. APPARENTLY, KY DECISIONS ARE MADE IN CAIRO AND AMMAN, BUT LOCAL UNITS RETAIN CONSIDERABLE INDEPENDENCE OF ACTION. MONEY FLOWS IN FROM CAIRO AND AMMAN, AS WELL AS BEING RAISED LOCALLY THROUGH THE MOSQUES.

13. THE MB IN NABLUS REPORTEDLY CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 150 MEMBERS HEADED BY A 4 OR 5 MAN COMMITTEE. THE LEADERSHIP CONSISTS OF MUSLIM SHEIKHS, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AT AN-NAJAH AND BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITIES, INSTRUCTORS AT THE KULLIYET AL-DAWA (AN ISLAMIC COLLEGE AFFILIATED

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WITH JERUSALEM UNIVERSITY, LOCATED IN BEIT HANINA, NORTH JERUSALEM), EMPLOYEES OF THE ISLAMIC WAQF, A SHARIA JUDGE, AND VARIOUS MERCHANTS. THE "FOOT SOLDIERS" OF HAMAS/MB IN NABLUS CONSIST OF DISADVANTAGED YOUTHS FROM THE POORER SECTIONS OF THE OLD TOWN (CASBAH). THIS NETWORK SEEMS TO BE STABLE--FEW ARRESTS, FEW DEFECTIONS, FEW NEW CONVERTS.

14. THE LEADERSHIP MAKES USE OF THE MOSQUES TO PLAN, PROSELYTIZE, INSTRUCT, AND RAISE MONEY. THIS IS A MAJOR ADVANTAGE HAMAS POSSESSES OVER THE UNLU, SINCE MANY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNIVERSITIES, CHARITIES, AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES THROUGH WHICH THE UNLU COULD OPERATE HAVE BEEN CLOSED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

HAMAS--METHOD OF OPERATION

15. ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT BY TIGHTLY KNIT CELLS OF AS FEW AS FIVE MEMBERS. OUTSIDERS RARELY PARTICIPATE IN HAMAS ACTIONS, A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE FROM INTIFADA ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL, WHICH DERIVE CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH FROM THE SPONTANEOUS PARTICIPATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PALESTINIANS. HAMAS ALSO SEEKS MAXIMUM PUBLICITY FOR ITS ACTS. BEFORE A STRIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, RED SPRAY-PAINTED INSTRUCTIONS--BOLDLY SIGNED "HAMAS"--ARE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT AREAS OF HAMAS INFLUENCE. AS A RESULT OF ITS PENCHANT FOR TIGHT CONTROL AND PUBLICITY, HAMAS TENDS NOT TO COOPERATE IN

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UNLU-ORGANIZED ACTIONS. IN NABLUS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAMAS HAS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPROMPTU BLOOD DRIVES ORGANIZED ON SHORT NOTICE BY POPULAR COMMITTEES TO TREAT WOUNDED PALESTINIANS.

16. HAMAS USES DIFFERENT METHODS TO ENFORCE ITS STRIKE CALLS, DEPENDING ON ITS STRENGTH IN THE TOWN INVOLVED. IN RAMALLAH AND THE BEIT HANINA

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NEIGHBORHOOD OF NORTH JERUSALEM, FOR EXAMPLE, HAMAS FOLLOWERS REPORTEDLY WERE ON THE SCENE TO ENFORCE THE SEPTEMBER 9 STRIKE. ALTHOUGH NO CLASHES WERE REPORTED IN THESE AREAS, THERE HAVE BEEN CONFRONTATIONS WITH UNLU SUPPORTERS ON PRIOR OCCASIONS. NO CLASHES WERE REPORTED IN NABLUS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE UNLU CHOSE NOT TO TEST HAMAS' STRENGTH. IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, HAMAS HAS FIREBOMBED CHRISTIAN SHOPS THAT SOLD LIQUOR OR OTHERWISE DEFIED ITS ORDERS. IN BETHLEHEM, TIRES WERE BURNED AND THERE WERE CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN HAMAS AND UNLU SUPPORTERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE SEPTEMBER 9 STRIKE. SOME SHOPS WERE INTIMIDATED INTO CLOSING EARLY. HOWEVER, MOST STAYED OPEN. IN JERUSALEM, HAMAS WAS NOT IN EVIDENCE, AND THE STIKE CALL WAS LARGELY IGNORED.

HAMAS--RELATIVE REGIONAL STRENGTH

17. HAMAS APPEARS TO BE STRONGEST IN GAZA. IN THE WEST BANK, IT SEEMS TO BE BASED IN THE TOWNS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHERE THE INHABITANTS ARE RELATIVELY HOMOGENEOUS AND HAVE A RELIGIOUS

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BENT. ITS PRIMARY WEST BANK STRONGHOLDS, IN
DESCENDING ORDER OF INFLUENCE, APPEAR TO BE
NABLUS, RAMALLAH, AND HEBRON. HAMAS IS PRESENT
IN JERUSALEM, PARTICULARLY THE BEIT HANINA
NEIGHBORHOOD IN NORTH JERUSALEM NEAR RAMALLAH.
IN DOWNTOWN EAST JERUSALEM AND THE OLD CITY,
HAMAS IS PRESENT BUT WEAK, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF
THE COSMOPOLITAN CHARACTER OF THESE AREAS.
HAMAS IS TRYING TO INCREASE ITS FOOTHOLD IN THE
CHRISTIAN AREA OF BETHLEHEM-BEIT JALA-BEIT
SAHOUR, THOUGH THUS FAR ITS INTIMIDATION TACTICS
HAVE NOT PROVED SUCCESSFUL. (IN FACT, HAMAS
ACTIONS IN THESE CHRISTIAN AREAS HAVE LED TO THE
REAPPEARANCE OF HAMAM, THE "CHRISTIAN"
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, WHOSE ACRONYM FORMS THE

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ARABIC WORD FOR "DOVE.") WE DO NOT YET HAVE A
GOOD FEEL FOR HAMAS IN HEBRON, THOUGH WE KNOW IT
HAS BEEN ACTIVE. THE AUGUST 21 AND SEPTEMBER 9
STRIKE CALLS WERE OBSERVED THERE. IN ADDITION,
ITS INHABITANTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE STRONG
RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HERE
AS ELSEWHERE MUCH OF HAMAS' STRENGTH DERIVES
FROM THE POPULATION'S TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR
ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS, RATHER THAN FROM A
CONSCIOUS DECISION TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HAMAS AND
THE PLO.

18. HAMAS IS THOUGHT TO BE WEAK IN THE
COUNTRYSIDE, WHERE THE MB HAS TRADITIONALLY
LACKED INFLUENCE AND ORGANIZATION, AND IN THE
REFUGEE CAMPS, WHERE SECULAR NATIONALIST
MOVEMENTS (FATAH, PFLP, COMMUNISTS, ETC.) REMAIN

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FIRMLY ENTRENCHED. AN INTERESTING EXCEPTION IS NEW ASKAR CAMP WHERE, BECAUSE OF THE ARREST OF ALMOST THE ENTIRE FATAH LEADERSHIP, HAMAS HAS BEEN ABLE TO MOVE IN AND ORGANIZE.

19. IT IS DIFFICULT ACCURATELY TO GAUGE HAMAS' STRENGTH FROM THE SUCCESS OF ITS STRIKE CALLS. HAMAS HAS CHOSEN ITS DAYS WISELY--AUGUST 21 WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTEMPT TO BURN THE AL-AQSA MOSQUE, A TRADITIONAL DAY OF PROTEST, AND SEPTEMBER 9 WAS BOTH A FRIDAY, WHEN MANY SHOPS ARE CLOSED ANYWAY, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW MONTH OF THE INTIFADA, AGAIN A TRADITIONAL DAY OF PROTEST. THUS, HAMAS WAS CALLING FOR STRIKES ON DAYS THAT PEOPLE CUSTOMARILY MARK WITH STRIKES AND PROTESTS AND DID NOT ACT AGAINST THE FLOW OF THE INTIFADA.

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HAMAS--RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

20. MANY WEST BANKERS BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL ACTIVELY SUPPORTS HAMAS IN AN EFFORT TO DIVIDE PALESTINIANS AND WEAKEN THE INTIFADA. THEY POINT TO THE FACT THAT HAMAS OPERATIVES ACT BOLDLY IN DISTRIBUTING THEIR LEAFLETS. SHOPKEEPERS IN JERUSALEM AND NABLUS REPORT THAT, WHEREAS UNLU LEAFLETS ARE DISTRIBUTED SECRETLY FOR FEAR OF ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES, HAMAS OPERATIVES WALK INTO SHOPS AND PRESENT THEIR LEAFLETS DIRECTLY TO THE OWNERS. MAYOR FREIJ OF BETHLEHEM CLAIMS THAT MEMBERS OF SOME WELL KNOWN FAMILIES WHO COLLABORATE WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SEEN AMONG HAMAS STREET GANGS IN BETHLEHEM. FURTHERMORE, DESPITE MASSIVE ARRESTS--AND THE PUBLIC IDENTITY OF MANY MB LEADERS--RELATIVELY FEW HAMAS LEADERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED. IN RECENT WEEKS, FUNDAMENTALIST LEADERS HAVE GIVEN INTERVIEWS TO ISRAELI PUBLICATIONS THAT WOULD HAVE LANDED SECULARIST LEADERS IN DETENTION. WE BELIEVE THAT, WHILE ISRAELI FORCES MAY BE TURNING A BLIND EYE TO HAMAS ACTIVITIES, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONCLUDE THAT ISRAEL IS PROVIDING ACTIVE SUPPORT.

HAMAS--RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP

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21. HAMAS' FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES, AS SET OUT
IN ITS AUGUST 18 CHARTER (REF B), PUT IT IN
OPPOSITION TO THE SECULAR LEADERSHIP OF THE
INTIFADA. ACCORDING TO THE CHARTER, HAMAS
CONSIDERS ALL OF PALESTINE AN ISLAMIC "WAQF," OR
TRUST FROM GOD. CEDING ANY PART OF IT TO A

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JEWISH STATE WOULD VIOLATE THAT TRUST. HAMAS OPPOSES THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION TOWARD WHICH THE PLO SEEMS TO BE INCHING. IT OPPOSES THE CREATION OF A SECULAR STATE IN PALESTINE, AS CALLED FOR IN THE PLO COVENANT. INSTEAD, IT DEMANDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC STATE. IT ALSO OPPOSES CONVENING AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE. AS HAMAS LEAFLET NO. 28 SUCCINCTLY PHRASED IT, "NEGOTIATION WITH THE ENEMY IS

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RETREAT AND CAPITULATION." INSTEAD, HAMAS CALLS FOR LIBERATING ALL OF PALESTINE THROUGH JIHAD--BOTH ARMED STRUGGLE AND PROSELYTIZING.

24. THIS HAMAS/UNLU COMPETITION HAS LED TO A BATTLE OF LEAFLETS AND STRIKE CALLS. HAMAS LEAFLETS EXCORIATE THE PLO--PARTICULARLY FATAH--AND THE UNLU FOR CAPITULATING TO THE ZIONIST ENEMY. UNLU, IN RESPONSE, ACCUSES HAMAS OF SERVING ISRAEL BY DIVIDING THE UPRISING. AT THE SAME TIME, UNLU INVITES HAMAS TO JOIN THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP.

25. HAMAS, TO DATE, HAS REJECTED ALL CALLS FOR UNITY WITH UNLU. ONE EXCUSE OFTEN HEARD IS THAT HAMAS WILL NOT SIT ON THE SAME COMMITTEE WITH THE COMMUNISTS. OTHERS SAY IT WILL NOT SIT WITH ANY LEFTIST GROUP, SUCH AS THE PFLP. OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING SOME CLOSE TO THE HAMAS LEADERSHIP IN NABLUS, HAVE TOLD US HAMAS HAS AGREED IN PRIVATE TO A TWO-STATE SOLUTION AND WILL SOON JOIN NOT ONLY THE UNLU BUT THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS WELL. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, HAMAS IS MAINTAINING ITS PUBLIC STANCE IN OPPOSITION TO THE UNLU IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS ORGANIZATION.

24. UNDOUBTEDLY, THERE ARE CONTACTS AND EVEN OCCASIONAL COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. HOWEVER, RECONCILIATION AND/OR UNITY BETWEEN THEM SEEMS UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME. HAMAS APPEARS GENUINELY COMMITTED TO THE GOAL OF CREATING AN

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ISLAMIC STATE IN ALL OF PALESTINE. THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE WITH THE SECULAR NATIONALISTS THAT CANNOT BE PAPERED OVER. IT IS THEREFORE LIKELY THAT THE UNLU AND HAMAS WOULD FORGE A PERMANENT ALLIANCE.

25. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAMAS RETAINS ITS FEAR OF BEING COOPTED INTO THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT AND BECOMING IRRELEVANT. THIS FEAR WAS ONE OF THE MAIN FACTORS SPURRING THE CREATION OF HAMAS. IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT THE MB WOULD SACRIFICE ITS CREATION NOW, JUST WHEN IT IS GAINING ACCEPTANCE AS A PLAYER. HOWEVER, SHOULD HAMAS FAIL TO MAINTAIN ITS FOOTHOLD AND BECOME THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION OR IRRELEVANCE, IT MIGHT AT THAT POINT CONSIDER COOPERATING WITH THE SECULARIST NATIONALIST LEADERSHIP OF THE UNLU FOR TACTICAL REASONS.

HAMAS--PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

26. GAUGING THE CURRENT STRENGTH OF HAMAS IS A RISKY ENDEAVOR. IN MANY REGIONS OF THE WEST BANK, ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS ARE HELD IN HIGH REGARD, AND SUPPORT FOR HAMAS APPEARS TO DERIVE MUCH OF ITS STRENGTH FROM THAT TRADITIONAL RESPECT RATHER THAN FROM A CONSCIOUS CHOICE BETWEEN FUNDAMENTALIST AND SECULAR OPTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HAMAS IS BEING TAKEN INCREASINGLY SERIOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK. WHETHER THAT IS BECAUSE OF ACTUAL STRENGTH AND

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SELF-PROMOTION, WE CANNOT SAY. IN ANY CASE, IT
IS CLEAR THAT THE HAMAS PHENOMENON WILL BE A
SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN FUTURE CALCULATIONS.

27. ALTHOUGH ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM WILL REMAIN
A FEATURE OF THE WEST BANK LANDSCAPE, IMPORTANT
FACTORS WORK AGAINST IT BECOMING A PERVASIVE
INFLUENCE OR REPLACING THE SECULARIST STRAIN IN
WEST BANK POLITICS. WEST BANKERS AS A WHOLE ARE
WELL EDUCATED, MUCH TRAVELED, AND CAPITALISTIC
IN ORIENTATION. THEY ARE UNLIKELY WILLINGLY TO
TURN TO THE NARROW ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST WORLD
VIEW, NO MATTER HOW DEEP THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT
WITH THE PLO LEADERSHIP.

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28. AS NOTED ABOVE, THE MB HAS HAD ONLY A BRIEF
AND UNDISTINGUISHED HISTORY IN THE WEST BANK.
IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT, THE INTIFADA ENJOYS
VERY WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG WEST BANKERS, WHO
ARE GENERALLY OPPOSED TO ANY EFFORT TO DISRUPT
THIS UNITY AND THREATEN THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF

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THE UPRISING. THUS FAR, PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE UNLU AND HAMAS, AND SUPPORT FOR THE FUNDAMENTALISTS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY COST FREE. IN A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE UNLU AND HAMAS, MUCH OF THAT SUPPORT COULD MELT AWAY.

29. IN ADDITION THE WEST BANK, UNLIKE GAZA, CONTAINS AN IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. AS NOTED ABOVE, HAMAS IS MEETING RESISTANCE IN THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE OF BETHLEHEM-BEIT JALA-BEIT SAHOUR, EVEN TO THE POINT OF STIMULATING THE REACTIVATION OF A RIVAL CHRISTIAN GROUP. STILL, HAMAS HAS EXTENDED ITS INFLUENCE TO THE LARGELY CHRISTIAN RAMALLAH-EL BIREH AREA, PROVING THAT IT CAN SURVIVE IN A MIXED CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM ENVIRONMENT. THE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER OF THESE AREAS IS ALSO SLOWLY BEING DILUTED AS CHRISTIANS EMIGRATE TO FRIENDLIER CLIMES.

30. NONETHELESS, DESPITE THE FACTORS WORKING AGAINST THE SPREAD OF FUNDAMENTALIST INFLUENCE, THERE ARE SITUATIONS IN WHICH FUNDAMENTALIST STRENGTH COULD GROW TO THE POINT THAT HAMAS WOULD BECOME A SPOILER IN ATTEMPTS TO BRING PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS TOGETHER. ALTHOUGH WIDESPREAD DECAPITATION THROUGH ARREST OF THE UNLU LEADERSHIP IS NOT LIKELY, GIVEN ITS

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OVERWHELMING POPULAR SUPPORT, ISRAELI EFFORTS TO DO SO TEND TO PROMOTE HAMAS IN SPECIFIC AREAS, SUCH AS IN THE EXAMPLE OF THE NEW ASKAR CAMP GIVEN ABOVE.

31. WEST BANKERS ARE BOTH RELIGIOUS AND NATIONALISTIC. THUS FAR, THEIR POLITICS HAVE FOLLOWED THE NATIONALIST BENT OF THEIR CHARACTER AND CULTURE. THEY HAVE SUPPORTED THE PLO BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THE PLO IS THE ONLY VIABLE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPRESSION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM. THEY HAVE THEREFORE CONTINUED TO BACK THE PLO DESPITE MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS, AND THE MAJORITY ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE PLO FAIL TO OVERCOME ITS IDEOLOGICAL DIVISIONS AND TAKE INITIATIVES THAT WILL LEAD TO A POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH ISRAEL, THE UNITY OF THE INTIFADA COULD BEGIN TO FRAY ONE CAN IMAGINE A SCENARIO

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IN WHICH PFLP, DFLP, AND COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES, WHO ARE NOW WORKING WITH FATAH, COULD REVERT TO MORE EXTREME POSITIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A POLITICAL BREAKTHROUGH. IN SUCH A SITUATION, THE SECULAR-NATIONALIST PRAGMATIC CONSENSUS THAT IS THE DOMINANT FEATURE OF THE INTIFADA COULD CRUMBLE, AND FUNDAMENTALISM COULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT NEW INROADS, ESPECIALLY AMONG DISPOSSESSED GROUPS. THUS, ALTHOUGH A MASS-BASED FUNDAMENTALIST MOVEMENT IS UNLIKELY TO EMERGE, THE FUNDAMENTALISTS COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GROWING DESPAIR AND SECULAR-NATIONALIST DISUNITY TO FURTHER ITS POLICIES OF

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32. DESPITE THE AVOWED ANTI-ISRAELI INTENTIONS OF HAMAS, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE MAIN CONTEST WILL, FOR THE TIME BEING, BE BETWEEN HAMAS AND THE UNLU. THE MB HAS TRADITIONALLY FOCUSED ON ONE MAINSTREAM OPPONENT AT A TIME--THE WAFD IN EGYPT, THE BAATH IN SYRIA. ITS CURRENT OPPONENT IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR THE SOULS OF PALESTINIANS IS THE MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE UNLU, FATAH. UNTIL THIS STRUGGLE IS DECIDED, HAMAS IS UNLIKELY TO DIRECT ITS EFFORTS PRIMARILY AGAINST ISRAEL.

ISLAMIC JIHAD

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33. THIS REPORT HAS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON HAMAS/MB BOTH BECAUSE HAMAS IS THE MAIN FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP ON THE WEST BANK, AND BECAUSE WE HAVE SO LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER ISLAMIC PARTIES. ISLAMIC JIHAD, THE ONLY OTHER SUCH GROUP WITH A SIGNIFICANT WEST-BANK FOLLOWING, WAS ESTABLISHED BY ABU JIHAD TO ENHANCE FATAH'S APPEAL WITH RELIGIOUS MUSLIMS. ALTHOUGH IT HAS IN THE PAST CLAIMED INDEPENDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTS SUCH AS THE OCTOBER 1986 ATTACK AT THE DUNG GATE, IT WAS DECAPITATED WHEN THREE SENIOR LEADERS WERE ASSASSINATED IN CYPRUS. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT ITS CURRENT INFLUENCE ON THE WEST BANK IS MINOR AND THAT IT IS INCAPABLE OF ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF THE MAINSTREAM FATAH ORGANIZATION ON THE WEST BANK. IT SEEMS TO BE DOING MOST OF ITS ORGANIZING IN WEST BANK PRISONS, WHERE A STRICT QUOTA SYSTEM AMONG GROUPS IS ENFORCED BY THE PRISONERS. WE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION ON LINKS BETWEEN ISLAMIC JIHAD ON THE WEST BANK AND IN GAZA, OR WHETHER THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE IN FACT THE SAME.

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34. THIS BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ISLAMIC
FUNDAMENTALIST ACTIVITY ON THE WEST BANK DOES
NOT ADDRESS SEVERAL ISSUES OF CONTINUING
IMPORTANCE, SUCH AS KEY FIGURES IN MB/HAMAS AND
ISLAMIC JIHAD; COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HAMAS UNITS
IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WEST BANK, GAZA,

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CAIRO, AND AMMAN; THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
ISLAMIC JIHAD AND HAMAS IN THE WEST BANK AND
GAZA; AND FATAH-HAMAS RELATIONS. WE WILL BE
EXPLORING THESE ISSUES IN FUTURE REPORTING.
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1. SUMMARY: THERE WERE NUMEROUS VIOLENT
CONFRONTATIONS IN THE WEST BANK AS PALESTINIAN
GROUPS UNITED TO OBSERVE A GENERAL STRIKE
SEPTEMBER 17 TO MARK THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF
SABRA AND SHATILA. A PALESTINIAN SUSPECTED OF
COLLABORATING WITH THE ISRAELIS WAS KILLED IN
NABLUS. TWO PALESTINIANS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND
76 WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH THE IDF. THIS REPORT
WAS COMPILED MAINLY FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. END
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- PALESTINIANS KILL SUSPECTED COLLABORATOR
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THE BODY OF A NABLUS MAN, BEARING MARKS OF BLOWS TO THE HEAD AND SEVERAL STAB WOUNDS IN THE NECK, WAS FOUND IN NABLUS' OLD CITY. LOCAL RESIDENTS SAID THE VICTIM HAD BEEN INVOLVD IN THE SALE OF ARAB-OWNED LAND TO ISRAELIS. THIS WAS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON PERSONS SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATING WITH ISRAEL.

A MAN FROM HUWWARA, NEAR NABLUS, WHO WAS CONSIDERED A COLLABORATOR WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, WAS INJURED SEPTEMBER 18 WHILE RIDING HIS MOTORBIKE WHEN HE WAS HIT BY THE DRIVER OF A STOLEN TRUCK. THE MAN'S HOME WAS LATER SET ON FIRE.

- GENERAL STRIKE RESULTS IN DEATH OF TWO
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SEPTEMBER 17

PALESTINIANS OBSERVED A GENERAL STRIKE MARKING THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KILLINGS AT SABRA AND SHATILA. THE STRIKE WAS CALLED BY BOTH THE PLO-BACKED UNIFIED LEADERSHIP AND THE ISLAMIC GROUP HAMAS. DEMONSTRATIONS ERUPTED THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK DURING THE STRIKE. ONE MAN WAS KILLED BY IDF FIRE IN TULKAREM; A SECOND WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY THE IDF AT LUBBAN SHAQIEH, NORTH OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RAMALLAH.

- 76 INJURED
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SEPTEMBER 14

THREE PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE WHEN SOLDIERS RAIDED BEIT LID, NEAR TULKAREM.

ONE PERSON WAS WOUNDED BY THE IDF AT BURQIN, NEAR JENIN.

SEPTEMBER 15

IDF SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED FIVE PALESTINIAN YOUTHS DURING CLASHES IN NABLUS.

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SEPTEMBER 16

AN ISRAELI SETTLER SUFFERED A FRACTURED SKULL WHEN SHE WAS HIT BY A STONE THROWN AT HER CAR NEAR AZZAHIRIYEH, SOUTH OF HEBRON.

SEPTEMBER 17

TROUBLE BEGAN IN QALQILYA WHEN SOLDIERS INTERVENED TO STOP MASKED YOUTHS WHO HAD ATTACKED AND WOUNDED A MAN SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATING WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. PALESTINIAN SOURCES SAID NINE PERSONS WERE WOUNDED IN THE SUBSEQUENT CLASHES.

AT EIN BEIT ILMA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED SIX PERSONS.

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IDF CLASHED WITH RESIDENTS AT BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS. 20 PERSONS WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH INJURIES FROM BEATING AND RUBBER BULLETS.

IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED FOUR PALESTINIANS AT QALANDIA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR RAMALLAH. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED AND THE CAMP DECLARED A CLOSED MILITARY ZONE.

IDF SHOT AND INJURED THREE PALESTINIANS AT THE AMARI REFUGEE CAMP NEAR RAMALLAH. SOLDIERS CLOSED THE AREA TO JOURNALISTS.

SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED THREE PALESTINIANS AT SHWEIKEH, NEAR TULKAREM; ONE AT NEARBY ZEITA
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VILLAGE; AND ANOTHER AT QUFFIN, NEAR NABLUS.

CLASHES WERE REPORTED IN THE EAST JERUSALEM NEIGHBORHOODS OF SILWAN, ABU TOR AND ISSAWIYEH, WHERE POLICE FIRED TEARGAS CANNISTERS AND USED RUBBER BULLETS AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS.

SEPTEMBER 18

DURING AN IDF SWEEP IN VILLAGES NEAR TULKAREM, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A YOUTH IN ILLAR VILLAGE AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED AN OFFICER WITH A HATCHET.

IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED FIVE PALESTINIANS DURING CLASHES IN JENIN. TWO OTHERS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED IN NABLUS, A THIRD IN BURQIN, AND A FOURTH IN QALQILYA.

SEPTEMBER 19

IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED FOUR PALESTINIANS IN NABLUS. THREE OTHERS WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED IN JENIN. ANOTHER YOUTH WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED IN QALQILYA, WHERE SOLDIERS IMPOSED CURFEW FOLLOWING CLASHES.

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- DEMOLITION AND SEALING OF ARAB-OWNED HOMES
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SEPTEMBER 14

ISRAELI MILITARY AUTHORITIES DESTROYED A TOTAL OF
13 HOMES IN THE VILLAGES OF SHUYOUKH AND SA'IR,
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NEAR HEBRON, AND AT EIN YABROUD AND JABA' NEAR
RAMALLAH, CLAIMING THAT THE HOUSES HAD BEEN BUILT
WITHOUT A LICENSE.

SEPTEMBER 15

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES SEALED THE HOME OF A QALQILYA
RESIDENT FOR TWO YEARS AFTER THEY DISCOVERED A
NUMBER OF IRON NAILS INSIDE THE HOUSE.

SEPTEMBER 18

AUTHORITIES DEMOLISHED SIX HOMES IN AZZAHIRIYEH,
SOUTH-WEST OF HEBRON, CLAIMING THAT THE HOUSES HAD
BEEN BUILT WITHOUT PERMITS.

- AUTHORITIES UPROOT TREES IN ARAB VILLAGES
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SEPTEMBER 15

ISRAELI BULLDOZERS GUARDED BY A CONTINGENT OF IDF
SOLDIERS UPROOTED 25 OLIVE TREES ALONG THE ROAD
LEADING FROM TURMUS AYYA AND SINJEL, RAMALLAH
DISTRICT, TO NEARBY SHILO SETTLEMENT.

SEPTEMBER 19

ISRAELI MILITARY BULLDOZERS UPROOTED OLIVE AND
CAROB TREES PLANTED ALONG THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN
AZZOUN AND QALQILYA.

- CURFEWS
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AUTHORITIES LIFTED THE SIEGE ON THE VILLAGE OF TEL
AFTER 33 DAYS (SEPTTEL).

SEPTEMBER 17

CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON QALQIYA FOLLOWING VIOLENT
CLASHES BETWEEN THE IDF AND VILLAGERS.

IDF IMPOSED CURFEW ON QALANDIA AND AM'ARI REFUGEE
CAMPS, NEAR RAMALLAH, AZZAHIRIYEH, SOUTH OF HEBRON
AND ARRABEH, NEAR JENIN. THE CURFEW REMAINED AS
OF ON SEPTEMBER 19.

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THE VILLAGES OF KUFR MALIK AND BEIT RIMA, NEAR
RAMALLAH AND BURQA, NEAR NABLUS WERE CLOSED OFF BY
THE IDF, FOLLOWING CLASHES.
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2. ARAB LEAGUE SYG KLIBI IS CRITICAL OF U.S. TACTICS
IN CONFRONTING IRAQ OVER CHEMICAL WARFARE (CW) AND
SUGGESTS THAT THE USG SHOULD ENLIST GULF STATES AND
ARAB LEAGUE TO PURSUE SUCH ISSUES. HE IS FEARFUL
THAT IRAN WILL BE PERMITTED TO RE-ARM AND SWITCH FROM
NEGOTIATIONS TO ARMED CONFRONTATION AFTER A BREATHING
SPELL. ISRAEL'S SATELLITE HAS ALSO TOUCHED A NERVE.
ON LEBANON, THE SYG FAVORS EITHER ELECTION OF RAYMOND

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3. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY POLCOUSELOR, CALLED ON ARAB LEAGUE SYG KLIBI AT HIS REQUEST SEPT. 21 TO DISCUSS THE GULF AND OTHER REGIONAL QUESTIONS. KLIBI WAS JOINED BY HIS DIRECTOR FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AHMED EL HERGUEM.

4. THE FOCAL POINT OF THE MEETING WAS A LOW-KEY DEMARCHE ON U.S. HANDLING OF IRAQI CW. NOTING RECENT STORMY RELATIONS, KLIBI QUESTIONED THE WAY IN WHICH THE U.S. RAISED THE ISSUE. IF U.S. OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN POLITICAL -- I.E. TO HUMILIATE OR EMBARRASS IRAQ -- IT SUCCEEDED. HOWEVER, IF U.S. OBJECTIVE WAS HUMANITARIAN, THEN U.S. TACTICS WERE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. OVERALL, IRAQI POLICY HAS EVOLVED IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION IN RECENT YEARS TO THE POINT THAT IRAQ NOW CONTRIBUTES TO THE MODERATE ARAB CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CHALLENGING IT. THE U.S. APPROACH RISKS RADICALIZING IRAQ AND OFFENDING AMERICA'S FRIENDS IN THE GULF. A FAR BETTER APPROACH, KLIBI SUGGESTED, WOULD HAVE BEEN TO WORK THROUGH MODERATE GULF STATES OR EVEN THE ARAB LEAGUE.

5. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT U.S. GOAL WAS INDEED HUMANITARIAN, BUT BROADLY CONCEIVED. RECENTLY, THE WORLD HAS WITNESSED SIGNIFICANT EROSION IN THE PROHIBITION OF CW. THE U.S. BELIEVES THE WORLD COMMUNITY MUST RETURN TO THE POST-WWI CONSENSUS IN THIS REGARD. IN GENERAL, THE U.S. VALUES ITS RELATIONS WITH IRAQ WHICH HAS COME OUT OF THE WAR AS A REGIONAL POWER. THE U.S. IS NOW TRYING TO

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DE-EMOTIONALIZE THE ISSUE AND RETURN IT TO THE REALM OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ' AND THE USG RESPONSE SHOULD FACILITATE THAT EFFORT.

6. RAISING A NEW ISSUE, KLIBI THEN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE RE-ARMING OF IRAN. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP, NOTABLY RAFSANJANI, MAY APPEAR RELATIVELY MODERATE, BUT IT MAY BE DISSEMBLING. NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE STRETCHED OUT FOR SIX MONTH OR SO TO ALLOW IRAN "TO CATCH ITS BREATH" THEN FIGHTING RESUMED. ALTERNATELY, RAFSANJANI MIGHT BE THRUST ASIDE BY MILITANTS. HE HOPED THE U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN ITS EFFORTS TO DISSUADE OTHERS, SUCH AS CHINA, NORTH KOREA, EVEN EUROPEANS, FROM RE-ARMING IRAN.

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7. AMBASSADOR AGREED. ONE SHOULD NOT PRESUME THAT THE CURRENT CEASE FIRE WILL ENDURE INDEFINITELY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS THAT IRAQI AND IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL CONFER WITH UN SYG IN NEW YORK IN EARLY OCTOBER, THEN NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME SUBSEQUENTLY IN GENEVA. KLIBI VOLUNTEERED THAT THE GULF STATES WOULD BE URGING IRAQ TO TAKE FLEXIBLE POSITIONS.

8. KLIBI THEN NOTED NEWS OF ISRAEL'S LAUNCH OF A "MILITARY" SATELLITE. THE ARAB STATES, KLIBI SAID, HAD HOPED THAT AN END TO GULF FIGHTING MIGHT PERMIT ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION TO RE-ORIENT THEMSELVES IN PEACEFUL DIRECTIONS. WITH THE HELP OF THE GERMANS, FRENCH, BRITISH AND AMERICANS, ISRAEL HAD NOW SHARPLY ESCALATED TENSIONS. HE RECOMMENDED THE

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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE DEMARCHE ON U.S.-IRAQI DISPUTE
U.S. CAREFULLY STUDY RECENT STATEMENTS CARRIED BY THE
ALGERIAN NEWS AGENCY TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE
EVOLVING ARAB POSITION.

9. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ISRAEL FOR YEARS HAD REQUESTED UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO U.S. SATELLITES, WHICH U.S. CONSISTENTLY HAD DENIED. NO DOUBT THIS WAS ONE FACTOR IN ISRAEL'S DECISION TO GO IT ALONE. AS FOR LAUNCH AND SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY, THERE WERE NUMEROUS SOURCES, INCLUDING THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA AND CHINA. IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A QUESTION OF A COUNTRY'S TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL. KLIBI WONDERED WHAT THE U.S. AND ISRAELI REACTION WOULD BE IF AN ARAB STATE WERE TO LAUNCH A MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE.

10. KLIBI ALSO RAISED LEBANON. HE REGRETTED THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IN "SELLING"
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THE U.S.-SYRIAN COMPROMISE CANDIDATE IN LEBANON. DRAWING FROM REFTEL AND PRESS GUIDANCE, AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF U.S. EFFORT. HE NOTED THAT A/S MURPHY HAD TWO NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH THE CHRISTIANS SHOULD CREDIT. FIRST, SYRIA HAD ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF ELECTIONS FIRST THEN REFORM. SECOND, SYRIA HAD WITHDRAWN ITS PRIMARY CANDIDATE. AND, THE COMPROMISE ONE WAS AFTER ALL A MARONITE. KLIBI AGREED AND SAID DAHER HAD EVEN TAKEN POSITIONS INDEPENDENT OF SYRIA ON FOUR OR FIVE OCCASIONS IN THE PAST. OTHER POSSIBILITIES, HOWEVER, MIGHT INCLUDE RAYMOND EDDE'S ELECTION OR CONTINUATION OF THE AL HOSS GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADOR NOTED EDDE HAD BEEN AWAY FOR MANY YEARS AND QUESTIONED WHETHER HE COULD BE APPROVED BY THE CURRENT LEBANESE PARLIAMENT. HE RE-EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO SUCCESSFUL HOLDING OF ELECTION.

11. IN CLOSING, AMBASSADOR RAISED PEACE PROCESS. IN PARTICULAR, HE NOTED, THE POSITIVE REACTION OF BASSAM ABU SHARIF TO SECRETARY SHULTZ SPEECH OF SEPT. 16

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WHICH CONTRASTED MARKEDLY WITH CLOVIS MAKSOUD'S TOTALLY NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT. KLIBI TOOK THE POINT, NOTED IN TURN FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DUMAS' POSITIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF HIS TALK WITH ARAFAT AND OBSERVED THAT ALL PARTIES WOULD BE LOOKING FOR A VEHICLE TO MAKE PROGRESS AFTER THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS.

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11. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT MAKSOUD CLEARS HIS REMARKS WITH TUNIS, BUT WE NEVERTHELESS FELT HIS RECENT NEGATIVISM WARRANTED MENTION. BY CONTRAST, ARAB LEAGUE HQ. HERE HAS TRIED TO ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MOST RECENTLY A NOTE PRAISING U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION (SEPTTEL).

12. ACTION FOR ALGIERS. KLIBI DEFLECTED A REQUEST FOR FURTHER SPECIFICS ON THE ALGERIAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE ISRAELI SATELLITE. APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION YOU CAN SUPPLY.

13. BAGHDAD AND BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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SUBJECT: GAZA WRAP-UP: SEPT 14-21, 1988

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1. SUMMARY: THREE GAZA YOUTHS WERE KILLED AND APPROXIMATELY 25 RESIDENTS WOUNDED DURING THE PERIOD. THE IDF IMPOSED WIDESPREAD CURFEWS FOR THE SEPT 17 ANNIVERSARY OF SABRA AND SHATILA. GAZANS OBSERVED A GENERAL STRIKE SEPT 17, CALLED BY BOTH THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP AND THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE (HAMAS). FOUR IDF SOLDIERS ARE TO BE TRIED FOR THE AUG 23 BEATING DEATH OF A GAZA MAN. END SUMMARY.

2. THREE KILLED: GOI SOURCE CONFIRMS PRESS REPORTS OF THREE GAZA YOUTHS KILLED DURING THE PERIOD:

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-- ON SEPT 14, AN 11-YEAR-OLD WAS KILLED IN GAZA CITY WHEN IDF FORCES FIRED IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH A FIREBOMB HAD BEEN THROWN AT AN IDF JEEP.

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-- ON SEPT 19, A GAZA BOY DIED FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED SEPT 15. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, MILITARY SOURCES SAID HE WAS SHOT WHILE TRYING TO STAB A SOLDIER, BUT PALESTINIAN SOURCES SAID THE SHOOTING OCCURRED WHILE THE YOUTH WAS PAINTING SLOGANS ON A WALL.

-- ON SEPT 21, AN 18-YEAR-OLD WAS SHOT DEAD IN BURAIJ REFUGEE CAMP.

3. APPROXIMATELY 25 WOUNDED:

ON SEPT 15, TWO WERE REPORTED WOUNDED BY LIVE FIRE IN CLASHES IN SHATI CAMP, AND TWO IN GAZA CITY CLASHES.

-- ON SEPT 17, AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST IN A RIOT IN SHAIKH RADWAN NEIGHBORHOOD OF GAZA CITY. HE WAS EVACUATED TO SHIFA HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION AND OPERATED ON.

-- ALSO ON SEPT 17, A RESIDENT OF SHATI CAMP, WHOM IDF SOURCES CALLED A "MAJOR INCITER," WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED.

-- ON SEPT 18, THREE WERE REPORTED WOUNDED IN A RIOT IN SHATI CAMP, APPARENTLY SPARKED BY RUMORS OF THE BEATING OF A YOUTH.

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-- ALSO ON SEPT 18, TWO GAZANS WERE STABBED IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RELATED TO THE INTIFADA. A MAN WAS STABBED IN WHAT THE IDF HAS CALLED A FAMILY FEUD. HOWEVER, ARAB SOURCES TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE MAN WAS A COLLABORATOR. ANOTHER MAN WAS STABBED INSIDE SHIFA HOSPITAL IN GAZA CITY BY 10-15 MASKED MEN IN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN A DRUG-RELATED INCIDENT.

-- ON SEPT 21, THE DAY OF YOM KIPPUR, SEVEN WERE REPORTED WOUNDED IN BURAIJ, TWO IN KHAN YUNIS, FOUR IN SHATI, AND ONE IN DAYR AL-BALAH CAMPS.

4. OTHER INCIDENTS:

-- WIDESPREAD STONE THROWING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED THROUGHOUT GAZA STRIP ON SEPT 15.

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-- ALSO ON SEPT 15, THE IDF REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE BY THE ROADSIDE IN RAFAH TOWN.

5. CURFEWS:

-- THE IDF IMPOSED A CURFEW ON KHAN YUNIS SEPT 14 AFTER A RIOT IN WHICH SEVEN WERE INJURED (REF C).

-- ANTICIPATING TROUBLES ON THE SEPT 17 ANNIVERSARY OF SABRA AND SHATILA, THE IDF IMPOSED CURFEWS ON SHATI, JABALYA, NUSAIRAT, KHAN YUNIS, AND BURAIJ CAMPS.

6. GENERAL STRIKE: GAZANS WIDELY OBSERVED A GENERAL STRIKE SEPT 17, CALLED BY BOTH THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP AND THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE (HAMAS) ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SABRA AND SHATILA MASSACRES.

7. FOUR IDF SOLDIERS TO BE TRIED: GOI SOURCE

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CONFIRMS THAT FOUR IDF SOLDIERS, WHO HAD BEEN HELD

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUGUST 23 DEATH OF A JABALYA
MAN (REFS A & B), ARE TO BE PUT ON TRIAL. SOURCE
DID NOT KNOW WHEN TRIAL IS TO BEGIN OR PRECISE
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1. IN WASHINGTON INTEREST IS HIGH CONCERNING THE OFFEQ SATELLITE AND LAUNCHER, AND WE HAVE MANY QUESTIONS THAT WE HOPE THE DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAELI SPACE PROGRAM WILL ANSWER. THE LAUNCH CAUGHT ALMOST EVERYONE BY SURPRISE, AND WE FIND WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT THE ISRAELI SPACE PROGRAM.

2. (U) THE QUESTIONS IN THIS CABLE COME FROM A NUMBER OF INTERESTED ANALYSTS. THE QUESTIONS FALL INTO SEVERAL CATEGORIES: THE SPACE PROGRAM, THE TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GROUND LAUNCH VEHICLE, THE SPACE LAUNCH VEHICLE AND THE SATELLITE, AND THE ORBIT.
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A. WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISRAELI SPACE PROGRAM? WHO ARE THE PRINCIPALS IN THE ORGANIZATION? WHAT IS THE BUDGET? WHAT IS THE CONNECTION WITH THE MILITARY? WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE ISRAELI SPACE

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PROGRAM? ARE THERE PLANS TO LAUNCH GEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES? WHY WOULD ISRAEL NEED A COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE, AS THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN CALLED? WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR OTHER LAUNCHES? WHAT IS THE ORDER OF SUBSEQUENT TYPES OF PAYLOADS? HAS THE ISRAELI SPACE AGENCY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NASA; DOES IT ANTICIPATE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS? WHAT KIND OF EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITES DOES ISRAEL PLAN TO DEVELOP? DOES ISRAEL PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GLOBAL WEATHER SATELLITE NETWORK?

B. WHAT IS THE DESIGNATION OF THE SPACE LAUNCH VEHICLE (SLV)? WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF STAGES? WAS ONE AN ORBITAL-INSERTION BOOSTER? WHAT ARE THE MEASUREMENTS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL THE PARTS? WHAT IS THE WEIGHT OF THE ENTIRE SLV AND PAYLOAD? WHAT ARE THE WEIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL STAGES? WHAT WAS THE PROPELLANT OF EACH STAGE? WHAT WAS THE PROPELLANT LOADING AND BINDER FOR EACH STAGE? WHAT WAS THE SPECIFIC IMPULSE OF THE PROPELLANT? WHAT SIGNALS WERE USED TO ACTIVATE EACH STAGE? WHAT IS THE MATERIAL OF THE ROCKET MOTOR CASING? WHERE IS THE ROCKET PRODUCED? WAS THE BOOSTER FIRED TO DEPLETION?

C. WHAT WAS THE GROUND LAUNCH VEHICLE? WHAT KIND OF MOBILITY DOES IT PROVIDE? WHAT OTHER SUPPORT VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED?

D. WHAT WAS THE GUIDANCE PACKAGE? WHERE WAS IT

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DEVELOPED? WHAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 58KG "POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM?" WHAT IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE 32KG "INSTRUMENTATION" PACKAGE? WAS ANY FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY INCLUDED IN THE SATELLITE? IS THE SATELLITE SPIN STABILIZED; IF SO, AT WHAT SPIN RATE? DID THE PAYLOAD MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE LAUNCH VEHICLE?

E. WHAT WAS THE LAUNCH TIME (TO THE SECOND)? WHAT WAS THE LENGTH OF BURN TIME OF EACH STAGE? WHAT WAS THE THRUST OF EACH STAGE? WILL THERE BE LAUNCH NOTIFICATION OF FUTURE LAUNCHES (TO ALLOW US TO CLEAR OUR AIRCRAFT)? HOW DO THE ISRAELIS TRACK THE LAUNCH AND ORBIT? DO THEY HAVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN TRACKING? IS THE SATELLITE ORBITING STABLY NOW? WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR THE ORBIT CHOSEN: ONLY POSSIBLE? HIGHEST POSSIBLE? BEST FOR GROUND ACCESSIBILITY?

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3. PLEASE DIRECT ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS
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SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, FOREIGN MINISTER PERES,
AND DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: CONGRATULATIONS ON ISRAEL'S SUCCESSFUL
SATELLITE LAUNCH. THIS IMPRESSIVE TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVE-
MENT REFLECTS YOUR NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO SCIENTIFIC
EXCELLENCE. ISRAEL'S SPACE PROGRAM WILL CONTRIBUTE NOT
ONLY TO SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES BUT ALSO TO THE GREAT GOAL
OF PEACE ON THE PLANET EARTH. END TEXT.
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1. [REDACTED]
2. SYRIAN PRESS HAS CARRIED THE EXPECTED ARTICLES
 CRITICIZING U.S.-ISRAEL COOPERATION IN LAUNCHING A
 "SPY SATELLITE," SEPTEMBER 19. HOWEVER, A SEPTEMBER 21
 QUASI-EDITORIAL IN "AL-BATH" TOOK THE ISSUE BEYOND
 ARAB-ISRAELI CONCERNS BY SUGGESTING THAT THE LAUNCH
 MISSILE IS A U.S. ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT U.S.-SOVIET
 AGREEMENTS ON MEDIUM RANGE MISSILE DRAWDOWNS.
3. ON BOTH SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21, SYRIAN PRESS CARRIED
 REPORTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 ISRAELI LAUNCH OF A
 SATELLITE. REPORTS LINKED THE SATELLITE WITH U.S.-
 ISRAELI COOPERATION, MENTIONING IN PARTICULAR COOPER-
 ATION IN THE STAR WARS PROGRAM. MOST REPORTS FOCUSED
 ON THE THREAT POSED TO THE ARAB HOMELAND BY AN ISRAELI

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SPY SATELLITE. A FEATURE ARTICLE OF SOME SIX COLUMNS
 IN "TISHRIN" ON THE 21ST SAID THE U.S. SPOKESMAN HAD
 TRIED TO HIDE US INVOLVEMENT IN THE LAUNCH. THE
 ARTICLE WENT ON TO SPECULATE ON ITS MILITARY USE.

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4. A QUASI-EDITORIAL IN "AL-BATH" SEPTEMBER 21, MADE THE EXPECTED ACCUSATIONS THAT THE LAUNCH DEMONSTRATED ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS FACTORS OF CURRENT STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. THE PEN-ULTIMATE PARAGRAPH SWITCHED GEARS, HOWEVER, HIGHLIGHTING THE DANGER OF THE MISSILE TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE WORLD. A ROUGH TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: "ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THE SATELLITE IS AN AMERICAN ATTEMPT TO COMPENSATE FOR ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS TO DESTROY MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE. IT PROVIDES, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL IN THE STAR WARS PROGRAM, AND SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THE EXPERIMENT WITH WHAT IS CALLED THE ARIHA (?) MISSILE, A MISSILE CLEARLY OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURE AND GOALS." END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: DATT WAS VISITED BY SOVIET COUNTERPART SEPTEMBER 21 ON WHAT HE CALLED AN "URGENT MATTER" WHICH WAS, IN FACT, SUBJECT OF PARA 4. DATT WILL REPORT SEPTTEL.

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AND THE OPPOSITION PRESS (NORMALLY WEEKLIES). BOTH CATEGORIES REFLECT THE INCREASING INDEPENDENCE OF THE EGYPTIAN PRESS. THE OPPOSITION PAPERS ARE NOT ONLY LIMITED IN CIRCULATION (10,000-60,000, EXCEPT FOR THE WIDER CIRCULATION AL-WAFD), BUT ALSO WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS IRRESPONSIBLE. NONETHELESS, THEIR STORIES FORM PART OF THE CAIRO RUMOR MILL; THEY CAN PROMPT DEFENSIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND INSPIRE PARALLEL STORIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS.

HIGHLIGHTS

- MUBARAK SAYS IMF PRESCRIPTIONS SHOULD NOT "KILL" THE POOR CITIZEN, AND CALLS UPON THE IMF TO CHANGE ITS POLICY AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF LOW-INCOME EARNERS.
- ARAFAT STILL EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO TODAY.
- EDITORIALISTS WARN AGAINST ISRAEL'S LAUNCHING OF A SATELLITE.
- MINISTER OF AWQAF TO HOLD WEEKLY MEETINGS AT THE ADAM MOSQUE IN AIN SHAMS, THE SITE OF LAST MONTH'S CLASHES.
- OPPOSITION AL-AHALI ATTACKS THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

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ESTABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. STATEMENTS BY MUBARAK. THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL PAPERS REPORTS MUBARAK'S STATEMENTS AFTER HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. IN HIS STATEMENTS, MUBARAK SAID THAT HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, TO START SEPTEMBER 22 WITH A VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA, WOULD CONCENTRATE ON VARIOUS ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EGYPT, BILATERAL COOPERATION, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE GULF WAR. WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD VISIT THE US, MUBARAK SAID "THE US IS BUSY WITH THE ELECTIONS ... AND WE ARE FOLLOWING THEM TOO TO BENEFIT FROM THEM."

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MUBARAK STATED THAT THE REFORM POLICY DEMANDED BY THE IMF MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE POOR CITIZEN AND NOT "KILL" HIM, AND THAT IS WHY SUBSIDIES COULD NOT BE ABOLISHED AT ONE GO ... "BUT THE FUND DOES NOT WANT TO UNDERSTAND THIS." MUBARAK POINTED OUT THAT THE ECONOMIC REFORM COURSE WOULD NEED BETWEEN TEN AND TWENTY YEARS AND WOULD BE SET ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN CIRCUMSTANCES. ON THE SCHOOL YEAR BONUS USUALLY PAID TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, MUBARAK SAID THE STATE COULD NOT PROVIDE IT THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET DEFICIT, ADDING THAT SUCH A BONUS WOULD HAVE LED TO MORE PRICE INCREASES. MUBARAK CALLED UPON THE MASSES TO CONFRONT GREEDY MERCHANTS FIRMLY. MUBARAK ALSO CALLED UPON THE YOUTH TO ABANDON GOVERNMENT JOBS AND THINK ABOUT OTHER FIELDS.

IN A RELATED STATEMENT, AHRAH QUOTES THE HEAD OF THE SEEDS SECTOR AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AS EXPRESSING THE

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BELIEF THAT EGYPT WILL ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN WHEAT
WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

2. ARAFAT TO ARRIVE WITHIN HOURS. PAPERS REPORT THAT
ARAFAT WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO WITHIN HOURS TODAY TO HOLD
TALKS WITH MUBARAK ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
PALESTINIAN ISSUE. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID WILL
RECEIVE ARAFAT AT THE AIRPORT.

3. EGYPT/ISRAEL. AHARAM REPORTS SHAMIR ANNOUNCED THAT THE
VERDICT ON TABA WOULD NOT BY ANY MEANS AFFECT THE FUTURE
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. SEPARATELY, AKHBAR
REPORTS ABDEL MEGUID CONFERRED WITH THE EGYPTIAN
AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV ON THE CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL.

AHARAM'S DAILY COLUMNIST AHMAD BAHYA' EL-DIN CALLS UPON THE
ARABS TO ORGANIZE A PRESS CAMPAIGN BEFORE AND AFTER THE
ISRAELI ELECTIONS TO UNMASK THE ISRAELI REPRESSION CARRIED
OUT AGAINST THE UPRISING. BAHYA' EL-DIN ALSO CALLS UPON
THE PLO TO ORGANIZE A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB CAMPAIGN TO

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ESCALATE WORLD PRESSURE ON THE US AND CONFRONT IT WITH THE FACT THAT IT IS ACTUALLY THE STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE WAY OF FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

AKHBAR'S DAILY COLUMNIST ABDEL MONEIM MURAD CALLS UPON THE ARAB COUNTRIES NOT TO MAKE LIGHT OF THE LAUNCHING OF AN ISRAELI "RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE" TO SPY ON THEM AND TO KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF THIS EVENT. AKBAR'S DAILY COLUMNIST ABDEL SALAM DAWOUD ADDS THAT HIGH TECHNOLOGY WILL ONLY DRAIN ISRAELI RESOURCES AND WILL NEVER HELP ISRAEL HUMBLE THE ARAB NATION, SUBDUE THE PALESTINIANS, OR ESTABLISH AN EMPIRE FROM THE NILE TO THE EUPHRATES. (SEE OPPOSITION UNCLASSIFIED

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4. EGYPT/UAE. AHAM REPORTS THAT THE ABU DHABI DEVELOPMENT FUND'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT WILL INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOURIST COMPANY CAPITALIZED AT LE 100 MILLION (90 PERCENT UAE, 10 PERCENT EGYPT) TO BUILD 3 INTERNATIONAL TOURIST VILLAGES AND PARTICIPATE IN FLOATING HOTELS. IN ADDITION, A FINAL AGREEMENT ON LAND RECLAMATION WILL BE SIGNED.

DOMESTIC NEWS

5. RELIGIOUS MEETINGS. AHAM REPORTS THAT THE MINISTER OF AWQAF WILL HOLD A SEMINAR EVERY TUESDAY AT THE ADAM MOSQUE IN AIN SHAMS, THE SITE OF POLICE/ISLAMIC GAM'AAT CLASHES LAST MONTH. THE MINISTER WILL CONDUCT

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A DIALOGUE WITH THE YOUTH OF AIN SHAMS ON SOUND ISLAMIC CONCEPTS AND TEACHINGS. THE MINISTER NOTED THAT THE HIGHER COUNCIL FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS WILL PUBLISH A NUMBER OF BOOKS AT COST TO PROTECT THE YOUTH FROM MISLEADING IDEOLOGIES.

6. APPOINTMENT OF GRADUATES. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT 35,000 GRADUATES WILL APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS AS OF OCTOBER 1.

7. SYMPOSIUM ON INVESTMENT IN EGYPT. AHAM REPORTS A SYMPOSIUM IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN EARLY NOVEMBER ON THE.

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PROMOTION OF EGYPTIAN EXPORTS AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT IN EGYPT. THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE ORGANIZED IN AUSTRIA.

8. EGYPTIAN PHARMACEUTICALS SAFE. ALL PAPERS QUOTE THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AS DENYING RUMORS ABOUT THE CONTAMINATION OF EGYPTIAN PHARMACEUTICALS AND MEDICINES. THE MINISTER ALSO DENIED REPORTS IN THE OPPOSITION PRESS THAT SOME INJECTIONS WERE CONTAMINATED WITH AIDS.

9. TV NEWS SEPTEMBER 20: MUBARAK PARTICIPATES IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; EGYPT-UAE TALKS IN CAIRO; CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL FOR AFRICAN MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION HELD IN CAIRO AND ATTENDED BY 12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES; THE END OF A SEMINAR ON THE GULF WAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AL-MINYA; THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER AFFIRMED THAT ARAFAT HAD RECOGNIZED THE EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL; THE SITUATION IN LEBANON; THE SHURA COUNCIL SPEAKER OPENS A SCHOOL IN THE GOVERNORATE OF SHARQIYYA.

10. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER 21: USD 1 EQUALS PT 231.0 (BUYING) AND PT 231.6 (SELLING).

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11. CAMP DAVID TENTH ANNIVERSARY. AN UNSIGNED AL-AHALI EDITORIAL EXPRESSES REJECTION OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT AND WRITES THAT PEACE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE ARMAMENT RACE IS STILL GOING ON BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.
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MOREOVER, ISRAELI HOOLIGANISM HAS INCREASED. NO SOLUTION HAS BEEN REACHED TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, AND THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY HAS DETERIORATED AT A TIME WHEN ISRAEL BENEFITS FROM EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM AND ENHANCES ITS MILITARY SUPERIORITY AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE LAUNCHING OF AN ESPIONAGE SATELLITE. AL-AHALI ARGUES THAT THE BUDGET ALLOCATED FOR DEFENSE HAS NEVER BEEN CHANNELLED TO DEVELOPMENT AS SADAT SAID WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE NO WISE MAN WOULD DARE DO THIS WHILE ISRAEL POSES A DANGER TO EGYPT AND WHILE SINAI IS PARTLY A DEMILITARIZED ZONE, FULL OF FOREIGN FORCES (I.E. THE MFO) THAT ARE ACTUALLY THERE TO PROTECT ISRAELI SECURITY. AL-AHALI CONCLUDES BY CALLING FOR ABOLISHING THE PALESTINIAN PART OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT AND FREEZING NORMALIZATION AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD CANCELLING THE TREATY.

ON THE LAUNCHING OF AN ISRAELI RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE, AL-AHALI QUOTES FORMER WAR MINISTER MUHAMMAD FAWZY AS SAYING THAT IT HAS BECOME A NECESSITY TO LAUNCH AN ARAB MILITARY SATELLITE BECAUSE THE ISRAELI ONE WOULD UPSET THE BALANCE OF POWER IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL, ESPECIALLY AFTER MONITORING ALL THE MOVES OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY.

ON THE SAME ISSUE, AL-WAFD'S EDITORIALIST GAMAL BADAWY WRITES THAT FROM NOW ON ISRAEL WILL KNOW EVERY LITTLE THING ABOUT THE ARAB COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY EGYPT. ISRAEL WILL HAVE NO MORE NEED FOR THE PICTURES OF US SATELLITES; ISRAEL WANTS ITS DECISION TO BE INDEPENDENT FROM THE SUPERPOWERS SO THAT THESE COUNTRIES MAY NOT STAND IN ITS WAY ONE DAY WHEN IT DECIDES TO LAUNCH A WAR AND ANNIHILATE THE ARABS. CONCLUDING, THE EDITORIALIST CALLS UPON THE ARABS TO "WAKE UP."

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12. "EGYPT" REVOLUTION." AL-AHALI REPORTS THAT UNDER THE
MOTTO "THE DEFENSE OF EGYPT'S REVOLUTION IS A DEFENSE OF
NATIONAL DIGNITY", THE NASSERISTS WILL ORGANIZE A
POLITICAL RALLY IN COMMEMORATION OF NASSER AT THE BAR

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ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 29.

13. BREAD. AL-AHALI RUNS AN INTERVIEW WITH MANY PEOPLE ON THE NEW "TABAQI" FIVE PIASTER BREAD, IN WHICH THEY SAID THAT THIS STEP ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT IS MAINLY AIMED AT ABOLISHING SUBSIDIES ON BREAD AND NOT IMPROVING ITS QUALITY AS CLAIMED. LOW-INCOME EARNERS INTERVIEWED SAID THEY COULD NOT AFFORD TO BUY THE NEW BREAD, AND CALLED FOR IMPOSING CONTROL OVER BAKERIES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE CURRENT TWO PIASTER BREAD INSTEAD OF PRODUCING A NEW "TABAQI" TYPE FOR FIVE PIASTERS.

14. FOREIGN EXCHANGE. AL-WAFD SEPTEMBER 20 REPORTS THAT THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE DURING THE PAST 8 MONTHS REACHED ALMOST USD 500 MILLIONS. ECONOMIC SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE SHORTAGE WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT MONTHS DUE TO LOW INTERNATIONAL PRICES OF PETROLEUM AND BASIC EXPORTS.
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2. AS NOTED REFTEL B, EMBOFF WILL MEET WITH DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAELI SPACE PROGRAM, PROF. YUVAL NE'EMAN, ON FRIDAY, SEPT: 23 TO DISCUSS THE LAUNCH OF THE "OFFEQ (HORIZON) 1" SATELLITE. WITH THE VIRTUAL SHUTDOWN OF ISRAEL FOR THE YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAY, THIS WAS EARLIEST NE'EMAN COULD MEET WITH US. WE HAVE FORMULATED A LIST OF RELATIVELY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS (OUTLINED BELOW) THAT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO EXPLORE WITH HIM. THE OFFICER CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW SPENT TWO YEARS IN INR/SFA MONITORING SOVIET SPACE PROGRAMS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE TECHNOLOGY. WE WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FROM WASHINGTON BY CABLE OR PHONE.

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3. THE ISRAELIS HAVE ALREADY PUBLICIZED NUMEROUS TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF THE SATELLITE (REF B). A PHOTOGRAPH PUBLISHED IN THE JERUSALEM POST, REPORTEDLY PROVIDED BY IAI, SHOWS A SPACECRAFT SHAPED MUCH LIKE THE GRILL OF AN AUTOMOBILE. IT IS RELATIVELY FLAT WITH A MILD OBLIQUE ANGLE (ABOUT 200 DEGREES) TO ITS FACE. SOLAR PANELS ARE ARRANGED IN

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TWO HORIZONTAL ROWS OF TEN, WITH FIVE PANELS ON EACH SIDE OF THE APEX ON EACH ROW. EACH PANEL CONSISTS OF A GRID OF INDIVIDUAL COLLECTORS IN APPROXIMATELY 7 COLUMNS OF 20 COLLECTORS -- 140 COLLECTORS PER PANEL. ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE "GRILL" IS A SINGLE ROW OF COLLECTORS (NOT SOLAR) WHICH ARE NOT IDENTIFIED. ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE SPACECRAFT IS VISIBLE, SHOWING ABOUT 20 OF THESE COLLECTORS.

4. SOME REPORTS INDICATE THAT A TWO-STAGE LAUNCH VEHICLE WAS USED; OTHERS SAY A THREE-STAGE SOLID-FUELED ROCKET (DESCRIBED AS A "JERICHO THREE"). WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THIS AND, IF POSSIBLE, ASCERTAIN THE TYPE OF PROPELLANT USED. IF THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED, PLEASE LET US KNOW. JUDGING FROM A STATEMENT FROM THE ISA, WE BELIEVE THE ORBITAL INCLINATION IS 36 DEGREES. WE PRESUME THIS DATA IS AVAILABLE TO YOU.

5. ONE REPORT INDICATES THE PAYLOAD WAS 3 KILOGRAMS. THE ISRAELI DATA GIVES THE "WEIGHT" AS 156 KG. WE EXPECT THE LARGER FIGURE INCLUDES THE WEIGHT OF THE STAGE USED FOR ORBITAL INSERTION, NOT THE PAYLOAD. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THIS.

6. WE EXPECT THE ISRAELIS TO BECOME INCREASINGLY

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CLOSE-MOUTHED AS THE EUPHORIA SURROUNDING THE LAUNCH WEARS OFF. THEREFORE WE DON'T WANT TO USE OUR MEETING TO DELVE INTO AREAS ALREADY WELL-UNDERSTOOD BY WASHINGTON. PLEASE SHARE WHATEVER DATA YOU ALREADY HAVE WITH US SO THAT WE DO NOT WEAR OUT OUR WELCOME ON QUESTIONS THAT ARE ALREADY ANSWERED.

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1. SCIATT HAS ARRANGED A MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 WITH PROFESSOR YUVAL NEEMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ISRAEL SPACE AGENCY TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S SEPTEMBER 19 SATELLITE LAUNCH.

2. SEPTTEL LISTS PRINCIPAL ITEMS THAT SCIATT EXPECTS TO RAISE AT THE MEETING AND REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS.

3. PRESS EXCERPTS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SATELLITE:

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1,000 KMS. THE SATELLITE ORBITS EAST TO WEST EVERY 90 MINUTES REPEATING THE FLIGHT PATH EVERY 7 REVOLUTIONS OF THE GLOBE. THE SATELLITE ROTATES ON ITS AXIS ONCE EVERY SECOND ENSURING INERTIAL STABILITY SO THAT THE BODY-MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS FACE THE SUN IN ORDER TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY REQUIRED BY ITS SYSTEM. OFFEQ-1 WILL HAVE A LIFE-SPAN OF ABOUT ONE MONTH AND WILL BURN UP AS IT RE-ENTERS THE ATMOSPHERE.

THE LAUNCH VEHICLE WAS A "SHAVIT" THREE-STAGE ROCKET. THE FIRST STAGES CRASHED INTO THE SEA.

ACCORDING TO FOREIGN SOURCES, THE SHAVIT IS BASED ON THE JERICHO-III SOLID-FUEL ROCKET, DEVELOPED BY RAFAEL, THE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

THE DECLARED PURPOSE OF THE LAUNCH, ACCORDING TO IAI, IS TO "DEMONSTRATE A CAPABILITY TO ORBIT A SATELLITE AND TO CHECK THE FUNCTIONAL ABILITY OF ITS SUBSYSTEMS IN A SPACE ENVIRONMENT." THIS, THE COMPANY SAID, ENTAILED COLLECTING DATA ON SPACE ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS AND THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD, GENERATING SOLAR POWER, AND TESTING THE QUALITY OF TRANSMISSION FROM SPACE AND ITS ABILITY TO WITHSTAND VACUUM AND WEIGHTLESS CONDITIONS.

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GIDEON PATT SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE OFFEQ IS THE ONLY SATELLITE IN THE WORLD TO BE LAUNCHED WESTWARDS. THE REASON IS TO AVOID HEAVILY-POPULATED AREAS, IN CASE OF FAILURE.

ACCORDING TO IAI OFFICIALS, ABOUT 190 MILLION UNCLASSIFIED

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DOLLARS HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SATELLITE SINCE THE 1960S, WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE SHAVIT-II. THE PACE OF SPENDING, HOWEVER, THEY SAID, HAS PICKED UP IN RECENT YEARS, WITH ANNUAL INVESTMENTS ON THE ORDER OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS..

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- OFFEQ-1
- SPECIFICATIONS
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- SHAPE OCTAGONAL
- HEIGHT 2.3 METERS
- LOWER BASE DIAMETER 1.2 METERS
- UPPER BASE DIAMETER 0.7 METERS
- WEIGHT 156 KG
- PAYLOAD 3 KG
- SOLAR POWER SUPPLIED 246 WATTS
- AVERAGE POWER CONSUMPTION 53 WATTS
- VOLTAGE, UNREGULATED 25-42 VOLTS
- COMMUNICATION S BAND
- TELEMETRY RATE 2.5 KBITS/SECOND
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- EVERY 99 MINUTES, DAILY SAYS

1. IN A SERENDIPITOUS TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE KUWAIT DAILY SEPTEMBER 20 QUOTED A U.S. OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL'S NEW SATELLITE IS "MAKING A REVOLUTIONARY EVERY 98.836 MINUTES". AT THE SAME TIME, THE DAILY AL-WATAN MADE A PARTICULARLY IMAGINATIVE LEAP OF ANALYSIS BY COMPARING ISRAEL'S LAUNCHING OF THE SATELLITE TO WHAT IT TERMED THE U.S. LAUNCHING OF A "SATELLITE MAN" IN LEBANON, AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO WIDESPREAD ARAB PRESS REPORTS OF ALLEGED U.S.-SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF DEPUTY MIKHAEL DAHER FOR THE LEBANESE PRESIDENCY.
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2. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE KUWAIT TIMES, IN AN OTHERWISE STRAIGHTFORWARD WIRE-SERVICE REPORT ON THE ISRAELI SATELLITE LAUNCHING, ATTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING QUOTE TO U.S. NAVY COMMANDER DUGALD GILLIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPACE COMMAND AT PETERSON AFB IN COLORADO

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SPRINGS: "WE'RE WATCHING IT AND IT IS MAKING A REVOLUTIONARY EVERY 98.836 MINUTES."

3. AL-WATAN SAID: "ISRAEL HAS LAUNCHED ITS FIRST SATELLITE AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. HAS LAUNCHED ITS FIRST SATELLITE-MAN IN LEBANON. IF THE DANGER OF THE ISRAELI SATELLITE LIES IN THAT IT WILL ENABLE ISRAEL TO SPY ON THE ARAB COUNTRIES, THEN THE DANGER OF THE FIRST SATELLITE-MAN IN LEBANON LIES IN THAT HE WILL, BY VIRTUE OF HIS POST, BE INFORMED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND THE SECRETS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES (IF THERE ARE ANY SECRETS)."

4. IN A SARCASTIC REFERENCE TO THE RECENT VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD MURPHY TO THE REGION, THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE LEBANESE "SATELLITE-MAN" WILL "PARALYZE THE WILL OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE, BECAUSE THE MISSILE WHICH LAUNCHED HIM IS OF THE MURPHY CLASS." THE NEWSPAPER ADDED THAT "THE LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST LEBANESE SATELLITE-MAN IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE LAUNCHING OF THE ISRAELI SATELLITE, FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT IT IGNORES THE ROLE OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE IN SELECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR REPUBLIC."

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1. SUMMARY. THERE WERE THIRTY-THREE PALESTINIAN FATALITIES RELATED TO THE UPRISING IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA DURING AUGUST, FOUR MORE THAN IN JULY. 189 PALESTINIANS AND 23 ISRAELIS WERE WOUNDED OR INJURED. THIS IS THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY INCREASE IN FATALITIES SINCE A LOW POINT IN JUNE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM AUGUST, DRAWN FROM PRESS REPORTS BASED ON IDF SOURCES, TOGETHER WITH CUMULATIVE DATA FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS.

PALESTINIANS KILLED IN WEST BANK AND GAZA:
DECEMBER - AUGUST

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| MONTH | PALESTINIANS | W. BANK | GAZA |
|-------|--------------|---------|------|
| - | KILLED | | |

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| JAN 1988 | 27 | 9 | 18 |

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| MAY 1988 | 22 | 16 | 6 |
| JUN 1988 | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| JUL 1988 | 25 | 22 | 3 |
| AUG 1988 | 33 | 22 | 11 |
| - | ----- | --- | --- |
| TOTALS | 280 | 189 | 91 |

NOTE: THE AUGUST FIGURES INCLUDE FOUR
PALESTINIANS REPORTEDLY KILLED BY OTHER
PALESTINIANS AS SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS.

PALESTINIANS WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE: MAY - AUGUST

| MONTH | WOUNDED | W.BANK | GAZA | E.JERUSALEM |
|--------|---------|--------|------|-------------|
| MAY | 183 | 90 | 76 | 7 |
| JUNE | 179 | 174 | 5 | |
| JULY | 269 | 145 | 124 | |
| AUGUST | 189 | 99 | 90 | |

3. ISRAELIS KILLED, WOUNDED, INJURED: MAY-AUGUST

MONTH IDF POLICE, SETTLERS, SETTLERS,
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| - | KILLED | IDF | CIVILIANS | CIVILIANS |
| - | | WOUNDED | KILLED | WOUNDED |

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| MAY | 0 | 5 | 0 | 9 |
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2. SUMMARY: THE MFA CALLED US AT 1300 LOCAL TIME TO ANNOUNCE THAT ISRAEL HAD LAUNCHED A SATELLITE DESIGNED TO COLLECT DATA ON SPACE ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS AND THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD. ALTHOUGH TOP ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY DOWNPLAYED THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE LAUNCH, THIS DEMONSTRATION OF ISRAELI TECHNOLOGICAL PROWESS IS CERTAIN TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT ISRAEL'S LONG-RANGE
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BALLISTIC MISSILE CAPABILITY. END SUMMARY.

3. AT 1300 LOCAL TIME, THE MFA CALLED TO INFORM US, PRIOR TO RELEASE OF THE STORY TO THE MEDIA, THAT ISRAEL HAD LAUNCHED A SATELLITE INTO EARTH ORBIT. HE

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READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

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QUOTE

OFFEQ-1, AN EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITE, WAS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED TODAY BY ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IAI) AND THE ISRAELI SPACE AGENCY (ISA). OFFEQ-1 WAS PLACED IN ORBIT BY A SHAVIT SATELLITE LAUNCHER FROM ISRAEL. TODAY'S LAUNCH IS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE A CAPABILITY TO ORBIT A SATELLITE, AND TO CHECK THE FUNCTIONAL ABILITY OF ITS SUB-SYSTEMS IN A SPACE ENVIRONMENT.

SPECIFIC ITEMS ARE: GENERATION OF SOLAR POWER, QUALITY OF TRANSMISSION RECEPTION FROM SPACE, VERY FINE SYSTEMS ABILITY TO WITHSTAND VACUUM AND WEIGHTLESS CONDITIONS. IN ADDITION, OFFEQ-1 WILL COLLECT DATA ON SPACE ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS AND THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD.

OFFEQ-1 ORBITS EAST TO WEST EVERY NINETY MINUTES. THE ORBIT IS LOW AND ELLIPTICAL, WITH A PERIGEE OF 250 KILOMETERS. THIS IS THE POINT AT WHICH THE SATELLITE IS CLOSEST TO EARTH.

OFFEQ-1 ROTATES ABOUT ITS MAIN AXIS AT THE RATE OF ONE REVOLUTION PER SECOND. THIS CHARACTERISTIC PROVIDES INERTIAL STABILITY, THUS THE SATELLITE'S

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SOLAR PANELS FACE THE SUN AND SUPPLY THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY REQUIRED BY THE SATELLITE.

OFFEQ-1'S EXPECTED LIFE SPAN IS A FEW WEEKS. A NUMBER OF LEADING ISRAELI HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A WIDE SPECTRUM OF BASIC RESEARCH SINCE THE EARLY 60'S. THE NATIONAL SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAM IS COORDINATED BY ISA, IAI AND OTHER SOPHISTICATED ISRAELI INDUSTRIES. BY ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OFFEQ-1, ISRAEL'S FIRST SATELLITE, (ISRAEL HAS BEGUN TO ACHIEVE ITS) SPACE RESEARCH GOALS:

A. TO PLACE ISRAEL IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS ENGAGED IN SPACE RESEARCH FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT.

B. TO ESTABLISH AN IN-DEPTH, NATIONAL CAPABILITY IN

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THE AREA OF SPACE RESEARCH, AN ARENA THAT IS FORECASTED TO DEVELOP IN THE YEARS TO COME.

C. TO DEMONSTRATE THE MATURITY OF SPACE-RELATED EQUIPMENT BUILT BY ISRAELI INDUSTRIES.

MANY ISRAELI HIGH-TECH FIRMS PARTICIPATED IN THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF OFFEQ-I. THIS EFFORT WAS ACCOMPLISHED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MBT SYSTEMS IN THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY PLANT OF IAI'S ELECTRONIC DIVISION.

END QUOTE

4. A SUBSEQUENT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATED THAT THE LAUNCH TOOK PLACE AT 1132 HOURS LOCAL (0932 HOURS ZULU). RESPONDING TO REPORTER'S QUESTIONS, VICE PRIME MINISTER PERES SAID THE LAUNCH IS NOT PART OF

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AN ARMS RACE. HE SAID "THE ARABS HAVE ACQUIRED AND
ARE MANUFACTURING MISSILES...THERE IS NO QUESTION
HERE OF A TYPE OF WEAPON, BUT RATHER OF A TYPE OF
TECHNOLOGY." THIS STANCE WAS ENDED BY PRIME
MINISTER SHAMIR WHO SAID THAT THE JUNCTION HAS NO

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CONNECTION WITH ARMS RACES...IT IS MORE A RACE OVER TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES." SHAMIR DID NOT ATTEND THE LAUNCH. HE URGED THAT THE LAUNCH NOT BEEN SEEN AS A MAJOR POLITICAL EVENT, BUT RATHER ONE OF GREAT TECHNOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE WHICH HAS INCREASED ISRAEL'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE.

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5. THE HEAD OF ISRAEL'S SPACE AGENCY, PROFESSOR YUVAL NE'EMAN, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO REPORTERS: THE ORBIT HAS AN APOGEE OF 1000 KM.; ISRAEL PLANS TO LAUNCH ADDITIONAL PAYLOADS INCLUDING A SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE (WHICH HE DID NOT FURTHER DESCRIBE OTHER THAN TO SAY IT WOULD BE "MORE ADVANCED AND STABLE"). HE SAID ELEVEN PROPOSALS FOR SPACE-BASED EXPERIMENTS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND TWO OR THREE WOULD BE CHOSEN. NE'EMAN ALSO DOWNPLAYED THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE LAUNCH, SAYING THAT THIS WAS A MATTER FOR SECURITY OFFICIALS TO DECIDE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE WORK (ON THE SATELLITE AND LAUNCH SYSTEM) HAS A SECURITY POTENTIAL, BUT SAID THE IMPORTANCE, AT THE MOMENT, IS TECHNOLOGICAL.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE TOP-LEVEL PROTESTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE LAUNCH HAS MAJOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. BY JOINING THE HANDFUL OF NATIONS CAPABLE OF ORBITING A SATELLITE, ISRAEL HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT CAN ALSO LAUNCH A MILITARY PAYLOAD OVER MUCH GREATER DISTANCES THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN THOUGHT -- PERHAPS EVEN INTERCONTINENTAL RANGES. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE THE CONCERNS OF PLAYERS WELL OUTSIDE THE REGION ABOUT ISRAEL'S MISSILE AND NUCLEAR PROGRAMS. END COMMENT.

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CONSIDERS SAMARIA THE BIGGEST PROBLEM AREA AND SEES
"OUTSIDE INFLUENCE" IN CONTINUATION OF THE VIOLENCE,
DESPITE THE IDF'S INTEREST IN LENIENCY. REMAINING
JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY OF SABRA/SHATILA
RAISE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. THE QALQILYA
OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL, ESPECIALLY IN PROVIDING
SOLID EVIDENCE OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. PALESTINIAN
VS. PALESTINIAN VIOLENCE IS INCREASING, ESPECIALLY
ALONG INCREASINGLY EVIDENT PLO-HAMAS "FAULT LINE."
NO REAL LEADERSHIP IS EMERGING FROM THE INTIFADA.
NO CHANGE IN SCHOOL-CLOSING POLICY AND NO
DISCERNIBLE CHANGE IN TOUGH OVERALL GOI POLICY FOR
PUTTING DOWN THE UPRISING. END SUMMARY.

3. IN SEPT 15 MEETING WITH CHARGE (OTHER TOPICS
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SEPTELS), TERRITORIES' COORDINATOR SHMUEL GOREN
COMMENTED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE INTIFADA:

4. JUDEA AND SAMARIA: CHARGE OBSERVED THAT, IN A

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VISIT THAT MORNING TO BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON AREA, HE HAD FOUND A RELATIVELY CALM SITUATION WITH AN APPARENTLY VERY LOW IDF PROFILE. GOREN AGREED, AND SAID THE SITUATION IN SAMARIA, BY CONTRAST, WAS BAD. IN SAMARIA, HE IDENTIFIED NABLUS, TULKARM, AND QALQILYA AS SPECIAL PROBLEMS. IN THE VILLAGE OF TEL, NEAR QALQILYA, GOREN SAID THE IDF HAD WANTED TO LIFT ITS RESTRICTIONS BUT HAD FACED A MOB OF STONE-THROWING YOUTHS. GOREN, CENTRAL COMMAND CHIEF MITZNA, AND DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN HAD VISITED TEL SEPT 14 AND FOUND NO ALTERNATIVE TO MAINTAINING RESTRICTIONS ON THE VILLAGE.

5. JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND SABRA/SHATILA DAY: GOREN SAID IDF FORCES IN THE TERRITORIES WOULD BE BEEFED UP, "AS CUSTOMARY," FOR THE REMAINING JEWISH HOLIDAYS. HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE VIOLENCE ON SEPT 17 ANNIVERSARY OF SABRA AND SHATILA. (NOTE: SEPT 16 FBIS REPORTS CURFEWS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON SHATILA, JABALYA, NUSAIRAT, KHAN YUNIS, AND BURAIJ REFUGEE CAMPS IN GAZA TO PREVENT SABRA/SHATILA UNREST. END NOTE.)

6. QALQILYA: GOREN SAID THE QALQILYA OPERATION (WHERE THE IDF CURFEW HAD BEEN LIFTED EARLY MORNING SEPT 15) HAD UNCOVERED AT LEAST SIX CENTERS OF FIREBOMB PRODUCTION AND HAD FOUND EXTREMIST ISLAMIC LITERATURE IN ONE MOSQUE. AS THE IDF MADE ARRESTS BASED ON PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED EVIDENCE, IT WAS ABLE

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TO EXTRACT FURTHER EVIDENCE FROM ARRESTEES, ON WHICH TO MAKE FURTHER ARRESTS. IN SOME CASES, GOREN SAID, ARRESTEES ACKNOWLEDGED INCIDENTS ABOUT WHICH THE IDF HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. FROM EVIDENCE GATHERED BEFORE AND DURING THE OPERATION, AND FROM "ADMISSIONS" OF SOME ARRESTEES, GOREN ANTICIPATED THAT MOST ARRESTEES WOULD BE TRIED RATHER THAN PLACED IN ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION.

6. PLO-HAMAS RELATIONS: GOREN SAW NO EVIDENCE OF PLO-HAMAS COOPERATION, ALTHOUGH THEIR COURSES OF ACTION WERE OFTEN PARALLEL. IN FACT, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO WERE BECOMING MORE EVIDENT AS THE PLO POSITION ON A PALESTINIAN STATE CRYSTALLIZED AND AS THE WEST BANK/GAZA POPULATION PRESSED HARDER -- THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY COHERENTLY -- FOR SOME KIND OF SOLUTION. AS EVIDENCE OF

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PLO-HAMAS DIFFERENCES, GOREN CITED A GRENADE ATTACK IN THE GAZA STRIP SATURDAY, SEPT 10, RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY FUNDAMENTALISTS AT VIOLATORS OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S ISLAMIC RESISTANCE STRIKE.

7. LEADERSHIP: GOREN SAW NO ORGANIZED, INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP EMERGING FROM THE UPRISING, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HAMAS AT LEAST HAS A KIND OF IDENTIFIABLE ORGANIZATION.

8. SCHOOLS: AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, GOREN RESISTED CHARGE'S URGING THAT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TAKE A PRAGMATIC POSITION BY OPENING ALL THE SCHOOLS AND PUTTING THE ONUS ON THE PALESTINIANS TO KEEP THEM OPEN. CHARGE SAID THE GOI SHOULD OPEN THE SCHOOLS AND KEEP THEM OPEN UNLESS THERE WAS A SPECIFIC

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REASON TO CLOSE THEM. GOREN PROTESTED THE GOI WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO OPEN THE SCHOOLS ("IT'S NOT IN OUR INTEREST TO BE PAYING TEACHERS FOR NOTHING"), BUT HAD FOUND FROM EXPERIENCE THAT DOING SO WAS NO GUARANTEE OF QUIET. "OUR ONLY CONCERN IS FOR SECURITY." HE SAID GAZA SCHOOL OPENINGS WOULD PROCEED AS SCHEDULED (SEPT 15 FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND OCT 1 FOR HIGH SCHOOLS) BUT DID NOT FORESEE ANY EARLY OPENING FOR WEST BANK SCHOOLS. GOREN FINALLY SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE SITUATION AGAIN.

9. COMMENT: GOREN'S COMMITMENT TO REVIEW WAS MADE IN THE SPIRIT OF GETTING US OFF HIS BACK AND DID NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN HIS POSITION. WE BELIEVE THE SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY ISSUE, INCLUDING GOI CLOSURE OF INFORMAL EDUCATION, SHOULD BE RAISED WITH GOREN DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

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SUMMARY

2. AFTER NINE MONTHS THE INTIFADA HAS BECOME A
PART OF LIFE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT IS
LIKELY TO CONTINUE UNTIL A POLITICAL PROCESS
EMERGES. VIOLENCE HAS REACHED A PLATEAU, DUE TO
TOUGH IDF MEASURES, BUT IT WILL CONTINUE, ALONG
WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF PEACEFUL PROTEST.
PALESTINIANS SEEM ABLE TO ENDURE THE SACRIFICE
AND TURMOIL INDEFINITELY. ISRAEL'S "IRON FIST"
POLICY HAS FAILED, AND IT HAS BROUGHT A GROSS
INCREASE IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. ONLY A
PROCESS IN WHICH PALESTINIANS GAIN THE RIGHT TO

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EXPRESS THEMSELVES POLITICALLY WILL END THE
VIOLENCE; YET ISRAELI POLICY, DRIVEN BY
PRE-ELECTION POLITICS, IS DESIGNED TO CRUSH NOT
ONLY VIOLENCE, BUT MOST VESTIGES OF PEACEFUL
POLITICAL ACTIVITY AS WELL. WHILE MOST

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PALESTININIANS HERE ARE READY FOR MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND A TWO STATE SOLUTION. ISRAELIS, FEARFUL AND CONFUSED, STILL LAG IN CONFRONTING PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM. THE PLO'S WAFFLING STRENGTHENS DEEP DOUBTS ABOUT PALESTINIAN INTENTIONS AND BOLSTERS THE HARDLINE LIKUD, LABOR, STUNNED BY JORDAN'S DISENGAGEMENT, GROPE FOR A WAY TO EXPLOIT BOTH THE PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES. PALESTINIANS, FRUSTRATED BY THE PLO, DESPERATELY HOPE FOR A CONVINCING PEACE INITIATIVE AT THE PNC, BUT MANY ARE SKEPTICAL. SOME ADVOCATE FREE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS A TRANSITIONAL PHASE TO CREATE LOCAL LEADERS WHO WOULD SUPPORT THE PLO BUT SHIFT THE CENTER OF PALESTINIAN POLITICS FROM THE DIASPORA TO THE TERRITORIES. IF THERE IS NO MOVEMENT TOWARD A POLITICAL PROCESS, THE MODERATE MAINSTREAM CONSENSUS IN THE TERRITORIES COULD ERODE, GIVING WAY TO TERRORISM AND A SPOILER ROLE FOR THE MUSLIM MILITANTS WHO ARE A SIGNIFICANT, THOUGH NOT YET POWERFUL, FORCE. END SUMMARY

INTIFADA: PERMANENT PROTEST

3. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN SAID THE IDF HAD HALTED MAJOR INTIFADA DEMONSTRATIONS, "PUSHED THE PLATEAU OF VIOLENCE

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DOWN" AND WOULD PUSH IT DOWN MORE. HE CLAIMED THAT MORE FREQUENT USE OF PLASTIC BULLETS AND USD 800 SURETY BONDS FROM FATHERS OF FIRST OFFENDERS, AS WELL AS INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION (NOW RUNNING AT 2600) AND "SELECTIVE DEPORTATION" WILL HELP STEM THE INTIFADA. RABIN IS RIGHT THAT MASS DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE STOPPED. BUT THE FACT THAT 29 PALESTINIANS DIED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE IDF IN AUGUST, VS. 25 IN JULY, SHOWS HOW SERIOUS THE VIOLENCE STILL IS. THE IDF'S NEW TACTIC OF MASSIVE VILLAGE SWEEPS AND ARRESTS MAY REDUCE VIOLENCE, BUT STONE THROWING AGAINST THE IDF, A PRIMARY SYMBOL OF THE INTIFADA, CONTINUES. STONING OF VEHICLES, AN INCREASING PRACTICE WHICH HAS CAUSED AN ANGRY UPROAR, ESPECIALLY AMONG SETTLERS, IS VERY DIFFICULT TO HALT. ALSO, MASSIVE DETENTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN A DETERRENT. THERE

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ARE MANY AREAS, SUCH AS THE CASBAH IN NABLUS, WHERE THE ARMY SELDOM ENTERS AND INTIFADA INSURGENTS ARE IN CONTROL, SINCE THE IDF IS RELUCTANT TO COMMIT MORE FORCES. THE LACK OF JAILS TO HOLD MORE PRISONERS IS ALSO A CONSTRAINT.

4. STRIKES, THE OTHER HIGHLY VISIBLE INTIFADA TACTIC, ALSO CONTINUE AND THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT PUBLIC SUPPORT IS WANING. STRIKES HAVE A HEAVY ECONOMIC COST, BUT CONSTRUCTION AND RETAIL TRADE CONTINUES AT A REDUCED RATE AND SUBSTANTIAL PRIVATE FUNDS STILL FLOW INTO THE TERRITORIES, NOTWITHSTANDING ISRAELI LIMITATIONS. (THE GOI CLAIMS GNP IN THE

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TERRITORIES HAS DROPPED 29 PERCENT SINCE THE INTIFADA BEGAN.) FACTORY OWNERS AND THE INTIFADA HAVE MADE PEACE, AND MOST CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND PAY TAXES, NOTWITHSTANDING THE NOMINAL INTIFADA TAX BOYCOTT. THE GOI HAS NOT LIMITED IMPORTS INTO THE TERRITORIES. IT HAS IMPOSED SOME LIMITED BANS ON HARVESTING AND SALE OF PRODUCE AS A FORM OF COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS, BUT IT HAS NOT YET USED THIS DRACONIAN TACTIC WIDELY. HOWEVER, OLIVE SEASON IS APPROACHING, AND MANY WEST BANK VILLAGES WILL BE VULNERABLE TO THIS TACTIC. SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CLOSURES IMPOSE A HEAVY COST TO PALESTINIANS, BUT PROBABLY HELP SUSTAIN RATHER THAN DETER THE INTIFADA.

5. THE CRACKDOWN ON PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES HAS INCREASED IN SCOPE AND SEVERITY, WITH MUCH TOUGHER CURBS ON MEETINGS, BANNING OF

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PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS AND HEAVIER SURVEILLANCE AND INTERROGATION. THESE STEPS AGAINST PEACEFUL POLITICAL AND COMMUNAL ACTIVITY REFLECT GROWING PRE-ELECTION PRESSURES ON RABIN TO FIND NEW WAYS TO HALT THE INTIFADA. THEY ARE ALSO A REACTION IN PART TO JORDAN'S DISENGAGEMENT AND THE MISCONCEPTION, ABETTED BY BOASTING FROM THE PLO, THAT THIS CREATED A POLITICAL "VACUUM" THAT THE PLO WOULD FILL. IN FACT, JORDAN'S ROLE WAS QUITE LIMITED, AND THE TIES IT DID HAVE WERE WITH INSTITUTIONS THAT WERE LARGELY INDIGENOUS. THE CRACKDOWN IS ALSO AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT AN ALTERNATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, A GOAL OF THE INTIFADA, FROM EMERGING. THIS GOAL IS STILL MORE THEORY THAN REALITY, BUT ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL COLLECTIVE PALESTINIAN ACTIVITY TENDS TO BUILD INDIGENOUS STRENGTH AND NATIONALISM.

WAR AGAINST ISRAEL BY ANOTHER MEANS OR LEGITIMATE PROTEST?

6. ISRAELI OFFICIALS, OUT OF CONVICTION, OR BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO MEET THE PUBLIC DEMAND TO BE TOUGH ON THE INTIFADA, HAVE AVOIDED ALL

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CONCILIATORY POLITICAL GESTURES. THERE IS ALMOST NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL OF ANY LEGITIMACY TO PALESTINIAN CLAIMS. ALTHOUGH RABIN HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED FOR POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS, HIS POLICIES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO BREAK NOT ONLY THE VIOLENCE, BUT THE POLITICAL CORE OF THE INTIFADA, SAYING ISRAEL

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WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY AFTER IT HAS DEFEATED THE ENEMY. SHAMIR, MORE SIMPLY, DISMISSES THE INTIFADA AS "TERRORISM".

7. ALTHOUGH RABIN ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION, HE ALSO LIKENS THE INTIFADA TO ALL PREVIOUS WARS BY THE ARABS AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IN FACT, ISRAEL IS FACING A CLASSIC POPULAR UPRISING BY A SUBJECT PEOPLE TO END AN OCCUPATION THAT HAS BECOME, LIKE MOST LONG-TERM MILITARY OCCUPATIONS, EXPLOITATIVE, HUMILIATING, AND CORRUPT. IT SHOULD BE NO SUPRISE THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT TOWARD A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND CHANNELS FOR PEACEFUL POLITICAL EXPRESSION AND PROTEST, THERE IS VIOLENCE. ALTHOUGH OVERALL PALESTINIAN OBJECTIVES ARE UNCLEAR BECAUSE OF DIVISION AND AMBIVALENCE IN THE PLO, AND THE LACK OF ANY VISIBLE AND RECOGNIZED LEADERSHIP IN THE TERRITORIES, IT IS INCREASINGLY CERTAIN THAT THE MAINSTREAM LEADERSHIP IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE UNDERGROUND INTIFADA, ARE READY TO ACCEPT A TWO STATE SOLUTION THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS. THE INTIFADA THUS HAS A LIMITED OBJECTIVE. IT IS NOT JUST ANOTHER WAR AGAINST ISRAEL, UNLESS ONE ACCEPTS THE ZERO-SUM-GAME THESIS OF THE ISRAELI FAR RIGHT THAT THE PALESTINIANS' IMMUTABLE GOAL IS TO DESTROY ISRAEL, AND THAT ANY COMPROMISE BY PALESTINIANS IS A SMOKESCREEN AND PART OF THE "POLICY OF PHASES" THAT WILL UNTIMATELY ACHIEVE THIS END.

8. RABIN'S THEORY THAT THERE CAN BE NO

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SURE THERE WILL BE A PROCESS IN WHICH THEY CAN
PRESS THEIR POLITICAL GOALS, UNLESS ISRAEL
RESORTS TO FAR MORE DRACONIAN MEASURES. THIS IS
UNLIKELY, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL'S
RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND SUBSTANTIVE OPINION
IN ISRAEL THAT WOULD RESIST SUCH POLICIES AS
MASS TRANSFER AND MORE BRUTAL METHODS, WHICH
SOME RIGHTISTS ADVOCATE.

HEAVY TOLL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

9. THE SUM OF ISRAEL'S EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE
INTIFADA IS, NEVERTHELESS, STARTLING IN TERMS OF
ITS WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE TRADITIONAL
STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS IS A SYMPTOM,
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NOT ONLY OF THE MISCONCEPTION THAT ISRAEL IS, INDEED, FIGHTING A WAR FOR SURVIVAL, BUT ISRAELIS' DEEP AMBIVALENCE ABOUT ARABS. ALUF HARAVEN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE VAN LEER INSTITUTE IN JERUSALEM WHICH WORKS FOR ISRAELI-ARAB RECONCILIATION, SUMMED UP THIS CONFUSION, QUOTING THE PRESCRIPTION OF A TEL AVIV TAXI DRIVER FOR DEALING WITH PALESTINIANS AND THE INTIFADA: "WE MUST BEAT THEM AND BEAT THEM AND BEAT THEM UNTIL THEY STOP HATING US."

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10. PALESTINIANS HERE DESPERATELY HOPE THE NEXT PNC WILL RECOGNIZE RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND PRESENT IT AND THE U.S. WITH A COMPELLING CHALLENGE THAT WILL LEAD TO RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. EARLY ENTHUSIASM ABOUT A PLO PEACE INITIATIVE HAS GIVEN WAY, HOWEVER, TO INCREASED SKEPTICISM ABOUT ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PFLP AND THE DFLP, AS WELL AS FATAH HARDLINERS LIKE KHADDOUMI, TO COMPROMISE. AS ONE PALESTINIAN SAID, "THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONLY ISRAEL; IT IS TOO MANY ABU'S IN TUNIS."

11. OPINION IS DIVIDED HERE ON THE WISDOM OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, BUT MOST AGREE THAT THE IMPORTANT THING IS FOR THE PLO TO CHANGE ITS SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS. SOME SEE A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AS A WAY TO GET OVER THE HURDLE OF RECOGNIZING ISRAEL AND SELF DETERMINATION AND TO START A HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S., EVEN

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THOUGH THEY KNOW WE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE IT. OTHERS SEE IT AS A WAY OF ISOLATING SYRIA AND THE ARAB RADICALS BY GAINING RECOGNITION FROM THE MODERATE ARAB STATES. PALESTINIAN SOURCES HERE SAY THE PLO IS NOW DEBATING WHETHER TO PRESERVE THE PLO, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, OR TO ABOLISH THE PLO. *THE ARGUMENTS FOR PRESERVATION ARE THAT TO

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ABOLISH THE PLO BUREAUCRACY AND ITS VESTED INTERESTS WOULD LEAVE A CADRE OF DISAFFECTED DISSIDENTS; BETTER TO KEEP THEM WELL PAID AND SATISFIED WHILE THE REAL ACTION TAKES PLACE ELSEWHERE. THE OPPOSING ARGUMENT IS THAT IF THE PLO SURVIVES THE CREATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD TRY TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS BY CONTINUING TO STRADDLE ISSUES, AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD THUS LACK CREDIBILITY.

12. FRUSTRATION HERE WITH THE PLO LEADERSHIP IS REAL AND GROWING. A FEW EVEN QUESTION WHETHER ARAFAT AND HIS COLLEAGUES CAN SURVIVE, AS LEADERS, IF THEY DO NOT MEET THE CURRENT TEST. MOST PALESTINIANS HERE NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PLO, MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS LEADERS. THEY SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO IT AS THE SYMBOL OF THEIR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND THEIR LINK TO THE DIASPORA.

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13. SOME PALESTINIANS, DOUBTFUL THAT THE PLO WILL BE ABLE TO BITE THE BULLET AND CHANGE,

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ADVOCATE LOCAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THEY SEE THIS AS A CONCRETE WAY TO END THE TURMOIL OF THE INTIFADA AND CREATE A TRANSITIONAL PHASE THAT WOULD LEAD EVENTUALLY TO A PALESTINIAN STATE. THEY ARGUE THAT ELECTIONS (WHICH THE UNDERGROUND INTIFADA LEADERSHIP HAS ENDORSED) WOULD BE A DISCRETE INTERIM STEP THAT BOTH ISRAEL AND THE PLO COULD ACCEPT, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE UNREADY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF TERRITORY AND SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR PEACEFUL DIALOGUE IN PLACE OF THE INTIFADA. THE THEORY IS THAT LOCAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, IF FREE, OPEN, AND GUARANTEED BY SOME EXTERNAL MONITORING, WOULD RESTORE POLITICAL LIFE TO THE TERRITORIES AND GIVE A POPULAR MANDATE TO PALESTINIAN LEADERS. ELECTED OFFICIALS WOULD REPLACE THE LOOSE NETWORK OF NOTABLES AND POLITICIANS WHO HAVE NO CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY AND THE UNDERGROUND INTIFADA LEADERSHIP, WHOSE

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SPECIALTY IS PROTEST, NOT SERIOUS POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT. THE NEW LEADERS WOULD NOT CLAIM TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE PLO, BUT THEY WOULD IDENTIFY WITH IT. BUT EVENTUALLY, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR POPULAR MANDATE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THEIR INFLUENCE WOULD GROW; THE CENTER OF GRAVITY IN PALESTINIAN POLITICS COULD SHIFT FURTHER TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; THIS COULD ULTIMATELY TRANSFORM THE PLO AND BRING IT AND ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH EACH OTHER FOR AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND A PALESTINIAN STATE, POSSIBLY WITH CLOSE TIES TO JORDAN. THE THESIS THAT AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THAT COULD NOT FACE TERRITORY AND SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES COULD AGREE, NEVERTHELESS, TO GENUINELY FREE ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD FEATURE PLO CANDIDATES AND VIEWS, IS

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QUESTIONABLE. STILL, THE CONGRUENCE BETWEEN LOCAL SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS A TRANSITIONAL PHASE AND THE SHULTZ PLAN IS INTERESTING. THE U.S. WILL WANT TO EXPLORE THIS AS WE CONSIDER OUR NEXT STEPS AFTER ISRAEL'S ELECTION.

FEAR OF EXTREMISTS

14. MODERATE PALESTINIANS WHO PONDER THE FUTURE ARE WORRIED THAT THE PRAGMATIC CONSENSUS THAT HAS GOVERNED THE INTIFADA SO FAR IS FRAGILE AND MIGHT ERODE IF THERE IS NO POLITICAL MOVEMENT TOWARD A SOLUTION. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN A GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG ALL THE FACTIONS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP, WHICH DRAFTS THE LEAFLETS AND ORGANIZES STRIKES AND

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OTHER PROTEST ACTIVITIES, TO THESE PRINCIPLES: OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM AGAINST ISRAELIS AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE; THE LIMITATION OF THE STRUGGLE TO THE TERRITORIES, EXCEPT FOR A BRIEF AND QUICKLY-ABANDONED ADVOCACY OF ARSON IN ISRAEL; AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE WITH ISRAEL ON A TWO-STATE SOLUTION.

15. THERE IS FEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE REALISM AND MODERATION THAT NOW PREVAILS MAY NOT BE PERMANENT. (AN UGLY PHENOMENON THAT IS GROWING AS THE INTIFADA WEARS ON IS THE MURDER OF PALESTINIANS REGARDED AS COLLABORATORS WITH ISRAEL.) GROWING FRUSTRATION WITH THE LACK OF TANGIBLE GAINS BY THE INTIFADA COULD GIVE WAY TO DESPAIR AND THE STRENGTHENING OF EXTREMIST AND TERRORIST ELEMENTS. THESE CADRES, ALTHOUGH A SMALL MINORITY, ARE PROBABLY STILL INTACT IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THEIR FOREIGN PATRONS, SYRIA AND LIBYA, HAVE NOT ABANDONED THEIR REJECTIONISM. THE OTHER POSSIBILITY, INCREASINGLY DISCUSSED, IS THAT ISLAMIC MILITANTS, WHO LATELY HAVE BEEN MORE ASSERTIVE, AND WHO BY AND LARGE OPPOSE ANY COMPROMISE WITH ISRAEL, COULD SEW GREATER STRIFE AND DISUNITY. THE DOMINANT CENTER OF PALESTINIAN POLITICS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS NOW SECULAR AND PRAGMATIC BUT, AS IN ISRAEL, RADICAL GROUPS TEND TO HAVE NEGATIVE POWER BEYOND THEIR NUMBERS.

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1. SUMMARY: THE YASSAR ARAFAT VISIT TO THE SOCIALIST
GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG SEPTEMBER
13,14 IS BEING TERMED HERE AS A MEDIA VICTORY FOR THE

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PLO. BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME COST TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE FRENCH SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT. THE FRENCH JEWISH COMMUNITY WAS DEEPLY ANGERED BY THE VISIT, AND WITH DUMAS' MEETING WITH ARAFAT. DUMAS REPORTEDLY PUSHED ARAFAT HARD TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. THE WISDOM OF THE INVITATION AND MEETING WILL BE DEBATED FOR SOME TIME. CRITICS CHARGE THAT THE VISIT PROVIDED THE PLO WITH UNDUE LEGITIMACY AND ARAFAT WITH "AN UNWARRANTED IMAGE AS MODERATE PEACE SEEKER." SUPPORTERS VIEW THE VISIT AS STRENGTHENING MODERATE GROUPS IN THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND INCREASING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO DEAL WITH THE PLO. END SUMMARY.

2. YASSAR ARAFAT ARRIVED IN STRASBOURG SEPTEMBER 13TH, COMING BY AIR FROM TUNIS. HIS TWO "MYSTERE 20" JETS LANDED AT STRASBOURG ENTZHEIM AIRPORT, OFFLOADING THEIR 46 PASSAGERS (INCLUDING 15 ARMED BODYGUARDS) AT THE MILITARY BASE TERMINAL. HE WAS MET BY IBRAHIM SOUSS, PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN FRANCE, EP SOCIALIST GROUP CHAIRMAN RUDI ARNDT AND TWO VICE CHAIRMEN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRENCH PREFECTURE. SECURITY FOR HIS ARRIVAL WAS PARTICULARLY TIGHT. HIS ARRIVAL TIME WAS KEPT SECRET TIL THE FINAL MOMENTS. GENDARMES LINED THE ROUTE INTO STRASBOURG AND SURROUNDED BOTH HIS HOTEL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING. SPECIALLY TRAINED MARKSMAN WATCHED FROM THE TOP OF NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT EVEN PROVIDED ARAFAT

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WITH A FLEET OF THREE FULLY ARMORED RENAULT 25S AND A SCORE OF ARMED POLICE GUARDS. THEY WISHED TO ASSURE HIS SAFETY DURING HIS STAY ON FRENCH SOIL.

3. A GROUP OF SOME 200 ARAFAT SUPPORTERS WERE BROUGHT TO HIS HOTEL MINUTES BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL. THIS WAS THE ONLY DEMONSTRATION ARAFAT WAS TO SEE. A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION HAD WOUND ITS WAY THROUGH STRASBOURG EARLIER IN THE DAY, BEFORE ARAFAT HAD LANDED. THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY HAD COME OUT IN FORCE TO PROTEST THE ARAFAT VISIT. THEIR MARCH WAS PEACEFUL, FULLY IN CHARACTER WITH THE JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON. A CROSS SECTION OF LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS LED THE 2000 PERSON PROTEST MARCH, INCLUDING STRASBOURG MAYOR (UDF SENATOR) MARCEL RUDLOFF, AND UDF SENATE LEADER DANIEL HOEFFEL. COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT LOUIS JUNG, AND PIERRE PFLIMLIN, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ALSO JOINED THE PROTEST MARCHERS. THE ONLY

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NOTED FRENCH SOCIALIST IN THE GROUP WAS STRASBOURG SUBURB MAYOR ALFRED MULLER (WHO IS CONSIDERED A CLOSE FRIEND OF MICHEL ROCARD). A NOISY COUNTERMARCH WAS HELD IN THE AFTERNOON GROUPING TOGETHER SOME 500 PRO ARAFAT DEMONSTRATORS. THEY WERE JOINED BY COMMUNIST EX MINISTER OF HEALTH JACK RALITE, AND SENATOR CHARLES LEDERMANN.

4. THE DAYS ACTIVITIES WERE CENTERED WITHIN THE PALAIS D'EUROPE: MEETINGS WITH THE SOCIALIST GROUP (165 MEMBERS), THE COMMUNIST GROUP (48 MEMBERS), THE ECOLOGISTS (20 MEMBERS), PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT LORD PLUMB, GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER CAROLOS PAPOULIAS, EC COMMISSIONER CLAUDE CHEYSSON, AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ROLAND DUMAS. ARAFAT ALSO HAD SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE PRESS, INCLUDING A CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE.

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5. ARAFAT MET PRIVATELY FOR 56 MINUTES WITH ROLAND DUMAS IN A SPECIAL OFFICE PROVIDED BY LORD PLUMB, 26 MINUTES LONGER THAN SCHEDULED. THE FRENCH BILLED THE MEETING AS INFORMAL AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ARAFAT'S

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VISIT TO THE SOCIALIST EP GROUP. DUMAS MAINTAINED THAT IT DID NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION OF ARAFAT IN FRANCE. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER PRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS, MAKING ONLY A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE PRESS (SEE BELOW). DUMAS REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGED ARAFAT TO TAKE A CLEARER STAND ON ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO RECOGNIZED AND SECURE BOUNDARIES. HE TOLD ASSOCIATES THAT ARAFAT APPEARED TO HIM MORE FORTHCOMING, AND MORE REALISTIC ABOUT ISRAEL, THAN DURING HIS PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH ARAFAT. THE DUMAS ENCOUNTER OVERSHADOWED ARAFAT'S MEETING WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER CAROLOS PAPOULIAS WHO HAD FLOWN TO STRASBOURG ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION. THE LATTER MEETING RECEIVED ONLY LIMITED PLAY IN THE INTERNATIONAL FRENCH AND ENGLISH PRESS.

6. DUMAS PRESS STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS FROM FRENCH): "I MET WITH MR. ARAFAT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND TO DO SO BEFORE THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. I TOLD HIM THAT FRANCE IS A FRIEND OF ISRAEL, AND THAT ISRAEL WANTS PEACE. BUT ISRAEL HAS NEITHER PEACE OR SECURITY. THE PALESTINIANS ALSO WANT PEACE, BUT THE ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT IS HARDENING. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. FIRST WE MUST TALK TO THE PARTIES AND CONVINCE THEM TO ACT. I TOLD HIM THAT ISRAEL HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITHIN SAFE AND ACKNOWLEDGED BORDERS. THE PALESTINE PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO A HOMELAND AND TO ASSURE THEIR OWN DESTINY. THIS FUTURE CAN ONLY BE BUILT BY DIALOGUE. THE FACILITATING SUCH A DIALOGUE; IN BRINGING THE PARTIES TOGETHER, GETTING THEM TO SPEAK TO EACH OTHER, HELPING THEM CARRY OUT A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, CONFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF ACCORD THEY ESTABLISH, AND GUARANTEEING THEIR AGREEMENTS. THIS IS THE OBJECTIVE OF AN

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BRING TOGETHER ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ANY GESTURE WHICH COULD LEAD THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, AND TO CONSTRUCT A POLITICAL PROGRAM THAT IS REALISTIC AND JUST IS DESIRABLE. FRANCE WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY SUCH ACTION. SIMILARLY, FRANCE WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY GESTURE THAT WOULD LEAD ISRAEL TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PALESTINIANS, AND TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS THEREFROM. THIS IS WHAT I TOLD MR. ARAFAT, ASKING HIM IN TURN IF THE MOMENT HAD NOT COME TO SILENCE THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND TO GIVE THE FLOOR TO THE NEGOTIATORS." DUMAS MAINTAINED THAT FRANCE'S POLICIES VIS A VIS ISRAEL AND THE PLO HAD NOT CHANGED. IT WAS PRECISELY AS STATED BY PRESIDENT MITTERRAND IN JERUSALEM IN 1982, HE TOLD THE PRESS.

7. REACTION'S TO THE ARAFAT VISIT, AND TO THE MEETING WITH DUMAS WERE VARIED. FRENCH MEPS ALFRED COSTE-FLORET (CONSERVATIVE) AND SIMONE VEIL, PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL GROUP REPORTEDLY TERMED THE VISIT AS "HARMFUL TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND TOTALLY INOPPORTUNE." PAST EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT PIERRE PFLIMLIN WAS ALSO VERY CRITICAL OF LORD PLUMB FOR RECEIVING ARAFAT. "WE HAVE NOT ADVANCED ONE IOTA TOWARDS PEACE," HE SAID. CRITICS CHARGED THAT THE VISIT PROVIDED THE PLO WITH UNDUE LEGITIMACY AND ARAFAT WITH "AN UNWARRANTED IMAGE AS MODERATE PEACE SEEKER." FRENCH UDF POLITICAL LEADERS, MEETING IN PARIS, ALSO STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ROCARD GOVERNMENT FOR AUTHORIZING DUMAS' MEETING WITH ARAFAT. THEY FOUND THE MEETING "SHOCKING" AND TERMED THE ROCARD GOVERNMENT AS "TWO FACED" WHEN IT CAME TO ISRAEL AND THE PLO. GISCARD D'ESTAING ALSO INDICATED "SUPRISE" THAT MITTERRAND AND ROCARD WOULD AUTHORIZE SUCH A MEETING AT THIS TIME. THE ALSATIAN FRENCH SOCIALISTS BROKE WITH THEIR MOTHER PARTY, CALLING THE

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VISIT "A SERIOUS MISTAKE," AND "INOPPORTUNE."
8. FRANCE'S 700,000 MEMBER JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE LARGEST IN EUROPE, IS REPORTED TO BE "ANGRY AND UPSET" OVER THE ARAFAT VISIT. THEY ARE EVEN MORE DISTURBED BY THE POSITIVE PRESS REACTION. SOME JEWISH LEADERS HAVE WARNED THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL NOT QUICKLY FORGET. IT WILL REFLECT ITSELF IN SEVERAL FUTURE ELECTIONS, ONE CONTACT SAID. HE ARGUED THAT THE JEWISH VOTE IN FRANCE IS A SWING VOTE AND THAT THE DUMAS MEETING MAY COST THE SOCIALISTS IN THE UPCOMING CANTONAL, MUNICIPAL AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS. BUT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS ALREADY BEGUN TAKING DAMAGE CONTROL STEPS. ISRAEL AMBASSADOR SOFER HAS CONFIRMED THAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT CHAIM HERZOG WILL VISIT FRANCE BEFORE YEAR'S END.

9. THERE WAS ALSO STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE VISIT AND DUMAS-ARAFAT MEETING. ARAFAT'S TRIP TO STRASBOURG WAS INTENDED, ONE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONTACT TOLD CONGEN, TO PURPOSEFULLY HEIGHTEN HIS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE PRIOR TO THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. THE MODERATE

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PLO WING, WHICH ARAFAT NOW CALLS HIS OWN, NEEDS AS MUCH STRENGTH AS IT CAN GATHER FOR THE CRUCIAL COUNCIL MEETING, HE SAID. THAT IS WHY THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER CAME, THAT IS WHY DUMAS CAME, WITH THE FULL AGREEMENT OF THE ELYSEE. LE MONDE ALSO STATED THAT THE DECISION FOR DUMAS TO MEET ARAFAT CAME FROM MITTERAND. HE WAS CONCERNED, THE ARTICLE SAID, THAT SHAMIR WAS TOO ... OBSTINATE TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM OF THE WEST BANK. IF FRANCE WANTS TO HELP IN A SETTLEMENT, IT MUST TALK TO ALL PARTIES, THE ARTICLE SAID. THE FIGARO QUOTED GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER PAPOULIAS AS DESCRIBING ARAFAT AS "A MODERATE WHO WAS

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SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS." "ONE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT FACT AND TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT," PAPOULIAS SAID. EC COMMISSIONER CLAUDE CHEYSSON REPORTEDLY CALLED THE MEETING A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY AND INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT ARAFAT HAD INDICATED A FIRM COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE PROCESS AND FIRM GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY. OTHER DEFENDERS ARGUED THAT ARAFAT HAD EXTENDED THE OLIVE BRANCH AND HAD GONE AS FAR AS HE COULD GO, PRIOR TO THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, TO SIGNA. HIS ATTENTION FOR PEACE. THE FIGARO ALSO REPORTED THAT THE ARAFAT VISIT AND THE PALESTINE 10. IF SEDUCING THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WAS HIS OBJECTIVE, ARAFAT SUCEEDED. AND HIS AUDIENCE WAS LARGE. SOME 380 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS SIGNED UP FOR THE ARAFAT PRESS CONFERENCE. ONE COULD HARDLY SEE OVER THE WALL OF CAMERAS. THE DERNIERE NOUVELLE D'ALSACE CALLED HIM AN "EXCELLENT ACTOR" PORTRAYING A GENTLE, ALMOST LIKEABLE CHARACTER." OTHER PRESS LINES ALSO READ FAVORABLE: "HE DEFENDED HIS CAUSE EXCELLENTLY WITH ALMOST DIABOLIC SMOOTHNESS." "HE SPEAKS PEACE, HE OFFERS HIS HAND." "HE SEEKS AN ISRAELI DE GAULLE, WITH THE COURAGE TO MAKE PEACE." "HE WISHES ISRAELIS A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND JEWS A CHANA TOVA." BUT THE PRESS CONCLUDES ALSO THAT "HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY." "NO CLEAR ANSWERS TO ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS -- PERHAPS SOME NUANCES OPEN TO INTERPRETION."

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1. SUMMARY: THREE PALESTINIANS SUSPECTED OF
COLLABORATING WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WERE
KILLED, SHORTLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF INTIFADA
LEAFLET NO. 25 CALLING FOR MEASURES AGAINST
COLLABORATORS. THE IDF EMBARKED ON MASSIVE
SEARCH-AND-ARREST CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SEVERAL WEST
BANK TOWNS AND VILLAGES. IN A WEEK OF CONTINUING
AND WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE, TWO PALESTINIANS WERE
REPORTED KILLED AND 39 WOUNDED. A GENERAL STRIKE
WAS OBSERVED SEPTEMBER 8, WHILE ISLAMIC ACTIVISTS
SUCCEEDED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ENFORCING A
GENERAL STRIKE IN MAJOR WEST BANK TOWNS AND
VILLAGES, EXCLUDING JERUSALEM, ON SEPTEMBER 9.
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SOURCES AS ISRAELI COLLABORATORS WERE KILLED DURING THE WEEK. THE VICTIMS WERE FROM SINJIL, NORTH OF RAMALLAH; NABLUS; AND ANIN, NEAR JENIN. THE KILLINGS FOLLOWED THE CALL IN INTIFADA LEAFLET NO. 25 FOR ACTION AGAINST COLLABORATORS.

IDF STEPS UP ARREST CAMPAIGNS

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3. -- IN ITS MOST MASSIVE SWEEP SINCE THE START OF THE INTIFADA, IDF SOLDIERS SUPPORTED BY HELICOPTERS SEALED OFF QALQILYA ON SEPTEMBER 8-14 AND ARRESTED OVER 200 SUSPECTED ACTIVISTS. A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED, PHONE LINKS WERE CUT OFF, AND "SEVERAL" HOMES WERE DEMOLISHED. A MILITARY PROSECUTOR SIGNED DETENTION ORDERS. NO RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

-- THE IDF SEPTEMBER 9 MOUNTED A SEARCH-AND-ARREST OPERATION AGAINST KUFR MALIK, NORTH-EAST OF RAMALLAH. THE VILLAGE WAS SEALED OFF AND PUT UNDER CURFEW FOR THE DAY, WHILE SOLDIERS, BACKED UP BY HELICOPTERS, SEARCHED HOMES AND ARRESTED 30 SUSPECTED STONE THROWERS AND POPULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

-- IDF SOLDIERS MOUNTED FRESH RAIDS ON SEPTEMBER 11 IN THE TULKAREM AREA AGAINST KUFR ZIBAD, KUFR UNCLASSIFIED

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SUR, KUFR ABBOUSH AND KUFR JAMAL. THEY ARRESTED 40 PALESTINIANS IN A HOUSE-TO HOUSE SEARCH.

-- ON SEPTEMBER 13, SOLDIERS RAIDED DEIR BALLOUT, TULKAREM DISTRICT, AND ARRESTED 20 PERSONS, AFTER THE VILLAGE WAS THE SCENE OF STONE-THROWING INCIDENTS.

TWO KILLED AND 44 INJURED

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4. -- PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED BY IDF GUNFIRE SEPTEMBER 8 AT SILET AL HARTHIYEH, NEAR JENIN, AND SEPTEMBER 11 AT NUBA, NEAR HEBRON.

-- TWO PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH SOLDIERS IN NABLUS ON SEPTEMBER 7. ,95#34
PALESTINIAN WAS INJURED IN JABA', NEAR JENIN.

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-- IDF SOLDIERS SEPTEMBER 8 SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO RESIDENTS OF NABLUS. AT NEARBY BALATA CAMP, CURFEW WAS IMPOSED AFTER IDF SHOT RUBBER BULLETS AND INJURED THREE PALESTINIANS DURING CLASHES.

-- IDF SOLDIERS SHOT RUBBER BULLETS AND INJURED THREE PALESTINIANS IN ABU DIS, NEAR JERUSALEM, ON SEPTEMBER 8. A FOURTH WAS WOUNDED BY LIVE AMMUNITION.

-- IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS ON SEPTEMBER 9, DURING CLASHES IN BEIT IMRIN VILLAGE, NEAR NABLUS. TWO OTHERS WERE WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE DURING CLASHES AT AM'ARI REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR RAMALLAH.

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-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON NABLUS'S OLD CITY, AFTER IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED 10 PALESTINIANS DURING CLASHES ON SEPTEMBER 10.

-- DURING A RAID ON KUFR ZIBAD, NEAR TULKAREM, ON SEPTEMBER 11, IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED FOUR PALESTINIANS.

-- IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED ONE PALESTINIAN YOUTH DURING CURFEW IN BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, ON SEPTEMBER 11.

-- IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED FOUR PALESTINIANS IN NABLUS, DURING A SEPTEMBER 11 CLASH WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SOLDIERS.

-- IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY ON SEPTEMBER 12 DURING A CLASH WITH STONE-THROWERS IN NABLUS.

-- SOLDIERS USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS IN TULKAREM ON SEPTEMBER 12; SIX PERSONS WERE HOSPITALIZED AFTER INHALING TEAR GAS.

-- AN ISRAELI SOLDIERS WAS LIGHTLY WOUNDED ON SEPTEMBER 6, WHILE DISMANTLING A PIPE BOMB, NEAR NABLUS.

CURFEWS:

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5. -- THE SIEGE OF TEL VILLAGE, NEAR NABLUS, CONTINUED FOR THE 31ST DAY.

-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON DEIR DIBWAN, NEAR RAMALLAH, AFTER CLASHES WITH SOLDIERS SEPTEMBER 6.

-- KALKILYA WAS UNDER CURFEW SEPTEMBER 6-14, DURING THE SEARCH-AND-ARREST CAMPAIGN.

-- CURFEW REMAINED IMPOSED ON BANI NAIM, HEBRON

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DISTRICT, FOR THE 24TH DAY IN A ROW. RESIDENTS SAID CARS HAD BEEN IMPOUNDED.

-- CURFEW CONTINUED TO BE IMPOSED ON TULKAREM CAMP AND NEARBY THINNABAH FOR THE 11TH DAY.

-- ON SEPTEMBER 13, CURFEW REMAINED IMPOSED ON UNCLASSIFIED

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HUSAN, NEAR BETHLEHEM, FOR THE 13TH DAY IN A ROW.

-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED SEPTEMBER 8-12 AT BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, FOLLOWING CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES.

-- A TWO-WEEK CURFEW WAS LIFTED ON SEPTEMBER 10 IN AZZOUN, NEAR TULKAREM.

-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED FOR 24 HOURS ON NABLUS'S OLD CITY, FOLLOWING CLASHES ON SEPTEMBER 10.

-- ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ORDERED TURMUS AYYA AND ABU FALAH, NEAR RAMALLAH, MILITARY CLOSED AREAS, AFTER CLASHES WITH VILLAGERS ON SEPTEMBER 10.

-- CURFEW CONTINUED FOR THE FOURTH DAY AT NUR SHAMS REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR TULKAREM.

-- MILITARY AUTHORITIES IMPOSED A MILITARY SEIGE ON BEIT RIMA VILLAGE, NEAR RAMALLAH, ON SEPTEMBER 12, AFTER DISTURBANCES.

STRIKES:

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6. PALESTINIANS OBSERVED A GENERAL STRIKE ON SEPTEMBER 8, TO MARK THE END OF THE NINTH MONTH OF THE INTIFADA, ACCORDING TO THE CALL ISSUED BY THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP. A SECOND STRIKE, CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 9 BY THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT HAMAS WAS WIDELY HEEDED IN MAJOR WEST BANK TOWNS AND VILLAGES. THE MAIN SHOPPING AREA IN EAST JERUSALEM, HOWEVER, REMAINED OPEN. SHOPS WERE ALSO OPEN IN BEIT JALA AND BEIT SAHOUR, WHILE IN

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BETHLEHEM, MERCHANTS CLOSED THEIR SHOPS AFTER
YOUTHS ORDERED A SHUTDOWN. IN RAMALLAH, SHOPS
INITIALLY OPENED, BUT CLOSED AFTER THREATS BY
ACTIVISTS. NABLUS, TULKAREM AND HEBRON REMAINED
TOTALLY CLOSED.

OTHER INCIDENTS

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6. -- ISRAELI BULLDOZERS DEMOLISHED FOUR
ARAB-OWNED HOUSES IN ISSAWIYEH VILLAGE, EAST
JERUSALEM, ALLEGING THAT THE HOMES WERE BUILT
WITHOUT A LICENSE. POLICE USED TEAR GAS TO
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-- ON SEPTEMBER 7, UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BURNED AN
ISRAELI CAR AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AND AN ISRAELI
BUS PARKED NEAR THE DAMASCUS GATE IN EAST
JERUSALEM. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

-- IDF SOLDIERS INTERVENED ON SEPTEMBER 8, TO SAVE
THE MUKHTAR OF BIDYA, NEAR NABLUS, WHEN HE WAS

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ATTACKED BY VILLAGERS FOR THE SECOND TIME, AFTER HE WAS ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN LAND SALES TO ISRAELIS.

-- ON SEPTEMBER 8, MILGOV HEBRON INFORMED COMMUNITY LEADERS OF HALHOUL THAT THE EXISTING BAN ON THE EXPORT OF GRAPES FROM THE TOWN WOULD CONTINUE AS A PUNISHMENT FOR UNREST.

-- TAXI-DRIVERS IN DOWNTOWN NABLUS COMPLAINED THAT WINDOWS OF 12 CARS WERE BROKEN SEPTEMBER 13 BY ROCKS THROWN BY IDF SOLDIERS FROM A ROOFTOP OUTPOST IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

-- AT YATTA, NEAR HEBRON, SIX OF THE SEVEN MUNICIPAL COUNCILMEN RESIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 13, HEEDING CALLS BY LOCAL PALESTINIANS.

-- IN JENIN, THE HEAD OF THE DISTRICT CIVAD HEALTH OFFICE, DR. AHMAD STEITI, WAS STABBED AND SLIGHTLY WOUNDED ON SEPTEMBER 11. HE WAS KNOWN AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE ISRAELI-BACKED VILLAGE LEAGUES.
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1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION. ARAFAT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SEPTEMBER 14 TOOK PLACE BEFORE A PACKED AUDITORIUM WITH TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT. SURROUNDED BY A LARGE ENTOURAGE, ARAFAT TOOK QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS BUT MADE NO OPENING REMARKS. HIS SPEECH THE PREVIOUS EVENING TO A CLOSED MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST GROUP (TEXT FAXED TO EUR/RPE) HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED TO US PRIVATELY BY BOTH ISRAELI DIPLOMATS AND SOCIALIST GROUP MEMBERS AT THE EP AS "NOTHING NEW." TO SOME OBSERVERS HERE, ARAFAT APPEARED SOMEWHAT MORE

OPEN IN HIS RESPONSES AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. ARAFAT SAID THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC) WOULD MEET IN OCTOBER AND CONSIDER THE OPTION OF SETTING UP A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THE PLO WOULD TAKE OVER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPENSES IN THE WEST BANK FOLLOWING JORDAN'S ADMINISTRATIVE DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE AREA. HE SAID HIS MEETING WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER PAPOULIAS THIS MORNING WAS "EXTREMELY POSITIVE" BUT HE DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAILS. (FOR HIS PART, PAPOULIAS, WE UNDERSTAND, TOLD A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS THAT ARAFAT WAS A RESPONSIBLE INTERLOCUTOR AND THAT THERE WAS NOW AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.) ARAFAT TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO HIS MEETING THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 14 WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DUMAS. HE SAID THE DECISION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO HAVE DUMAS MEET WITH ARAFAT WAS "BRAVE" GIVEN THE CURRENT FRENCH LOCAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ARAFAT SAID HE WISHED A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL ISRAELIS AND JEWS. BEFORE ARAFAT TOOK QUESTIONS, RUDI ARNDT, SOCIALIST GROUP CHAIRMAN, SAID HE

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WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE PRESS HAD FOCUSED ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN STRASBOURG RATHER THAN ARAFAT'S VISIT TO THE SOCIALIST GROUP AND HAD IGNORED THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE AIRPORT TO WELCOME ARAFAT. WE HAVE HEARD ESTIMATES OF BETWEEN 500 AND 1,000 PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ARAFAT. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE ARE BELOW. END OF SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION.

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3. ASKED FOR THE DATE FOR THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL, AND WHAT HIS PERSONAL ADVICE WOULD BE ABOUT A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, ARAFAT SAID THE PNC WOULD MEET "NEXT MONTH" AND WOULD DISCUSS OPTIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE PLO LEGAL AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO THE VACUUM LEFT BY KING HUSSEIN'S LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE WEST BANK. THE OPTIONS WERE: (A) AN INTERNATIONAL MANDATE BASED ON UN RESOLUTIONS FOLLOWING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. ARAFAT SAID HE WONDERED IF EUROPE WOULD RECOGNIZE SUCH A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. EUROPE'S RESPONSE WAS VERY IMPORTANT.

PLO RESPONSIBILITIES IN WEST BANK

4. ARAFAT SAID THAT FOLLOWING KING HUSSEIN'S ACTION, THE PLO HAS TAKEN THE DECISION TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 23,000 PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS WHO RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THE PLO

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HE HAD DECIDED TO APPLY JORDANIAN AND PALESTINIAN LAW IN
GAZA AND THE WEST BANK UNTIL NEW LAWS ARE PASSED.

TALKING TO ISRAEL

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM A.B. NATHAN OF THE
VOICE OF PEACE, ARAFAT SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET
WITH ANYONE REPRESENTING ISRAEL. HE SAID, "I AM
EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE."

MEETING WITH PAPOULIAS

6. ARAFAT CHARACTERIZED HIS MEETING WITH GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTER PAPOULIAS AS "EXTREMELY POSITIVE." THEY HAD,
HE SAID, A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF HOW BEST TO COOPERATE
TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THEY
DISCUSSED "MORE DELICATE ISSUES" WHICH HE DID NOT
REVEAL.

QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETING OF ARAFAT WITH EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS

7. A JOURNALIST ASKED WHETHER PAPOULIAS HAD GIVEN
ARAFAT ANY INDICATION WHETHER PAPOULIAS AND HIS EC
COLLEAGUES INTENDED TO INVITE HIM TO MEET WITH THE EC
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL. NO ANSWER WAS GIVEN AS RUDY
ARNDT, SOCIALIST GROUP CHAIRMAN, JUMPED IN AT THIS POINT

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INFERRING THAT THE QUESTION CONCERNED AN INVITATION TO SPEAK BEFORE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, AN EC PERMDEL CONTACT WHO WAS PRESENT, RECALLED PRIVATELY THAT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD MET WITH JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN NOT LONG AGO IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND HE SUGGESTED THE UNANSWERED QUESTION UNDOUBTEDLY REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SIMILAR MEETING WITH ARAFAT.

MEETING WITH DUMAS

7. ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AT HIS MEETING LATER IN THE DAY WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DUMAS IN STRASBOURG, ARAFAT COMMENTED THAT ONE MUST REMEMBER THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME HE HAD MET WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE SAID IT WAS A "BRAVE DECISION" BY THE FRENCH AT THE "HIGHEST LEVEL TO TAKE IN AN ELECTION PERIOD."

GETTING THE US AND BRITAIN TO RECOGNIZE A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

8. THE UK, ARAFAT SAID, HAD A MORAL, LEGAL, AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IT HAS AN "HISTORICAL DUTY TO CORRECT ITS MISTAKE." WITH REGARD TO THE US, ARAFAT REFERRED TO WILSONIAN PRINCIPLES. HE SAID THE US HAD RECOGNIZED ISRAEL ON THE BASIS OF UN RESOLUTION 181, WHICH CALLED FOR CREATION OF BOTH A JEWISH STATE AND A PALESTINIAN STATE. HE SAID WE ASKED THE US TO "BE MORE FAIR."

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9. ASKED WHETHER HE FAVORED PERES OR SHAMIR, ARAFAT SAID THAT IT WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO DECIDE. HE SAID HE HOPED THE NEW PRESIDENT WOULD GIVE IMPETUS TO SOLVING REGIONAL CONFLICTS, THE ARMS RACE, ETC.

ON THE CAIRO DECLARATION

10. ASKED ABOUT THE CAIRO DECLARATION, ARAFAT ACCUSED ISRAEL OF ENGAGING IN TERRORISM. HE SAID THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WERE THE VICTIMS OF ISRAELI TERRORISM.

ISRAELI ELECTION

11. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER PERES OR SHAMIR WAS THE MORE CAPABLE OF PROMOTING PEACE, ARAFAT SAID HE WAS "LOOKING FOR A DEGAULLE OF ISRAEL." KINGON

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1. LEAFLET NO. 25 OF "PLO/UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING" (UNLU), DATED SEPTEMBER 6, CRITICIZES THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, HAMAS, FOR ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE PARALLEL STRIKES AND ACCUSES IT OF AIDING THE ENEMY BY DIVIDING PALESTINIANS. IT ALSO CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE POPULAR COMMITTEES AND ADDITIONAL ATTACKS ON SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS. UNLU URGES STUDENTS NOT TRAVEL ABROAD TO STUDY, BUT TO SEEK POPULAR EDUCATION ORGANIZED BY THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP. IT ALSO CALLS ON ARAB STATES TO MEET THEIR ALGIERS SUMMIT PLEDGES, AND CALLS AGAIN FOR THE UPCOMING PNC CONFERENCE TO TAKE
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"IMPORTANT AND DEFINITIVE POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS."
THE LEAFLET CALLS FOR GENERAL STRIKES ON THE 8, 17, AND 26 OF SEPTEMBER. PALESTINIANS ARE ALSO URGED TO HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE EUROPEAN CONSULATES IN JERUSALEM ON SEPTEMBER 13, WHEN

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ARAFAT ADDRESSES THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. END
SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE
A CALL .. A CALL .. A CALL
NO VOICE IS ABOVE THE VOICE OF THE UPRISING
NO VOICE IS ABOVE THE VOICE OF PALESTINIANS, THE
PEOPLE OF THE PLO
CALL NO. 25 - THE CALL OF THE MARTYRS OF THE
MASSACRES,
PUBLISHED BY THE PLO/THE UNIFIED NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU)

O MASSES OF OUR GREAT PEOPLE: SOON YOUR INTIFADA
WILL END THE NINTH MONTH OF ITS AGE AND INAUGURATE
ITS TENTH MONTH. IT HAS BECOME STRONGER,
DETERMINED TO ESCALATE AND CONTINUE DESPITE ALL
PROBLEMS AND FACIST METHODS OF OPPRESSION.
DESPITE COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT, STARVATION,
ECONOMIC SIEGES, DEMOLITION OF HOMES, MASSIVE
ARREST CAMPAIGNS, DEPORTATION, BURNING PEOPLE
ALIVE, ASSASINATION OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS,
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, AND LONG CURFEWS. YOUR
GREAT POPULAR INTIFADA CONTINUES ITS DAILY
STRUGGLE WITH MORE PERSEVERENCE AND AN EXTENSIVE
MANNER, AIMING AT DISMANTLING AND DESTROYING THE
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MECHANISM OF THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITY. IT HOPES
TO BUILD UP THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE
POPULACE, REPRESENTED BY THE POPULAR COMMITTEES
AND THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE
INTIFADA. ON THE BEGINNING OF THE TENTH MONTH
YOUR GLORIOUS INTIFADA PRODUCED NEW ACHIEVEMENTS
TO BE ADDED TO THE COLLECTION OF POLITICAL
ACHIEVEMENTS MADE DURING THE PAST MONTHS. THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS WORRIED AND HAS RETRACTED
ITS PREVIOUS DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN THE PLO
DELEGATION'S OFFICE AT THE U.N. THE UNITED
NATIONS, THROUGH ITS SECRETARY GENERAL JAVIER
PERES DE CUELLAR, WHO MET WITH THE LEADER OF THE
PLO, EMPHASIZES THE EXISTANCE OF PALESTINIANS AND
PALESTINIAN LAND. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAS
AGAIN DENOUNCED UNANIMOUSLY THE DEPORTATION OF
PALESTINIANS FROM THEIR HOMELAND. ALL THESE
ACHIEVEMENTS PRODUCED THE HEALTHY RESOLUTIONS

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ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE INTIFADA IN GENEVA, PARTICULARLY THE RESOLUTION WHICH EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FOR PALESTINIANS - ONE OF THE SLOGANS AND DEMANDS OF THE INTIFADA. ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT IS THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ZIONIST OPPRESSION MECHANISM, WHO INDICATED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK THE INTIFADA THROUGH MILITARY METHODS, AS IS THE STATEMENT OF THE ZIONIST ABRAHAM TAMIR, DIRECTOR OF THE ENEMY'S FOREIGN OFFICE, WHO SAID THAT ISRAELIS HAVE TO REALIZE THAT THE PLO IS THE ONLY PARTY WHICH

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REPRESENTS PALESTINIANS. THIS RESULTED IN THE SETTLERS' HYSTERICAL FEAR OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AND STONES WHICH LED THEM TO ABANDON SOME SETTLEMENTS, CASTING ASIDE TALK OF APPEASEMENT BY THE TERRORIST RABIN, AND AROGANT SHAMIR, WHO PROMISED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM PROTECTION AND GAVE THEM MORE AUTHORITY TO FIRE LIVE AMUNITION AT PALESTINIANS. IT ALSO LED TO THE CRITICAL ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE ENEMY, AS PER STATISTICS PUBLISHED DAILY BY THE ZIONIST ECONOMIC AND PLANNING EXPERTS.

O MASSES OF OUR HEROIC PEOPLE: THE MALIGNANT EFFORTS OF THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSFER POLICY, THROUGH SO-CALLED TEMPORARY DEPORTATION, BY FORCING DEPORTEES TO SIGN AN UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERTAKING NOT TO INDULGE IN ANY ANTI-ISRAEL ACTIVITIES UNTIL THEY ARE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, ARE A CLEAR BREACH OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE DEPORTATION POLICY CONDEMNED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

O COURAGEOUS CHILDREN OF OUR PEOPLE: AT THIS TIME REMEMBER THE MASSACRES OF BLACK SEPTEMBER, SABRA AND SHATILA, WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR CHILDREN IN THE DIASPORA WERE EXTERMINATED. THESE MASSACRES CAME TO FINISH THOSE COMMITTED AT DEIR YASSIN, QIBYA, DAWAYMEH AND KUFR QASEM. ALL AIMED AT OBLITERATING THE SPECIAL NATIONALIST FEELINGS OF OUR PEOPLE. YOU CAN TELL THOSE WHO COMMITTED THESE MASSACRES THAT HISTORY AND HUMANITY WILL CURSE THEM FOR EVER. WE ARE NOW STRONGER THAN YOU, MORE THAN EVER, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS RECUPERATED FROM YOUR BLOODY MASSACRES, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE THE MARCH, STARTED BY OUR PREDECESSORS, SUCH AS SHEIKH EL-QASSAM AND ABDUL QADER AL HUSSEINI.

O MASSES OF OUR STRUGGLING PEOPLE: UNLU AND THE MASSES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PRAISE THE WISE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY PLO AND QADDAFI ON THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE SERVICES

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WERE TERMINATED BY JORDAN AND CALL ON ARAB LEADERS WHO MET AT THE ALGIERS SUMMIT TO FULFILL THEIR FINANCIAL, POLITICAL AND INFORMATION COMMITMENTS TO THE INTIFADA, THE PLO AND THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. UNLU AND THE MASSES SEND GREETINGS TO THE PNC'S EMERGENCY SESSION EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO COME UP WITH IMPORTANT AND DEFINITE POLITICAL
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RESOLUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS. THEY SHOULD POOL THEIR RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE INTIFADA, AND TO ACHIEVE OUR PEOPLE'S DESIRES FOR RETURN AND SELF DETERMINATION.

O MASSES OF THE INTIFADA AND ITS STRIKE FORCES: UNLU IS PROUD OF THE MARCH OF THE 20,000 WHO ROAMED THE STREETS OF GAZA IN DEFIANCE OF THE CURFEW. IT IS PROUD OF THE MASSES IN NABLUS WHO DEFIED THE SOLDIERS, AND THE STRIKING FORCES IN YATTA WHO EXECUTED THE PEOPLES' SENTENCE AGAINST THOSE WHO SOLD THEIR SOULS TO THE OCCUPATION FORCES AND BETRAYED THEIR PEOPLE AND NATION. UNLU URGES THE MASSES TO UNDERSTAND FULLY THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND TO IMPLEMENT THEM IN THEIR DAILY STRUGGLE:

HAMAS: THIS MOVEMENT IS A BRANCH OF THE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION. ONE COULD NOT BUT NOTICE HAMAS' RECENT ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE ITS AUTHORITY ON THE MAN ON THE STREET AND ON THE NATIONAL MASSES AND ENFORCE A TOTAL STRIKE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21. THE MASSES, WHO HAVE A SENSE OF TRUTH, CONSIDER THIS STEP CONTRARY TO THE NATIONAL PROGRAM APPROVED BY UNLU, WHICH HAS UNITED THE WILL OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN RESISTING THE ENEMY. UNLU EMPHASIZES THAT ATTEMPTS AGAINST UNITY OF THE BATTLELINES WILL ONLY SERVE THE ENEMY AND UNDERMINE THE INTIFADA. AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND A HAND TO ANY FORCE WHICH WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL

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ACTIVITIES; WE DO NOT EXCLUDE HAMAS IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE. HOWEVER, ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE AUTHORITY AGAINST THE MASSES BY FORCE WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE ENEMY AND THEIR PLANS TO STRIKE THE INTIFADA. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, WE CONDEMN AGGRESSION WITH FIRE AND DESTRUCTION AGAINST MERCHANTS' AND CITIZENS' PROPERTY BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO RESPOND TO HAMAS' CALL FOR A STRIKE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CALL FOR STRENGTHENING UNITY OF POSITIONS, REFUSING TO VIOLATE NATIONAL CONSENSUS, AND TAKING PART IN THE GENERAL NATIONAL POSITION BY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES WITH THE OTHER PARTIES OF UNLU AND ITS EFFECTIVE FORCES. WE APPLAUD THE IMAMS OF MOSQUES WHO CONTINUE TO CALL FOR UNITY WITHIN A NATIONAL
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CONSENSUS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE INTIFADA.

THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY: UNLU DEMANDS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY TO STOP THE BREACHES COMMITTED BY THE AUTHORITIES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAWS, PRECEPTS AND COVENANTS, AND TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION TO PALESTINIANS AGAINST ALL OPPRESSIVE MEASURES AND WILD CAMPAIGNS AIMED AT THEIR EXISTANCE. UNLU ASKS FOR A UN SPONSORED MANDATE ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UNTIL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND AN AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS HELD, WITH PARTICIPATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PLO DELEGATION ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

CLOSURE OF SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS: THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CLOSED THE SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP OUR PEOPLE IGNORANT, PARTICULARLY AFTER JORDAN DISENGAGED ITSELF FROM THE "PALESTINIAN BANK." UNLU URGES ALL THE PALESTINIAN SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THEIR SERVICES, DESPITE THE ENFORCED CLOSURE.

EDUCATION: AFTER THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CLOSED DOWN ALL THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, UNLU URGES THE MASSES TO STRUGGLE FOR THE RE-OPENING OF EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT LEAVE THEIR HOMELAND AT THIS STAGE IN PURSUIT OF

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FURTHER EDUCATION. WE URGE UNESCO, ARABS, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, INCLUDING THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, BECAUSE DEPRIVING PEOPLE OF EDUCATION IS AN UNCIVILIZED MEASURE CONTRARY TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS ENSURED BY INTERNATIONAL PRECEPTS, LAWS AND COVENANTS, AS WELL AS THE FOURTH GENEVA AGREEMENT. POPULAR

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EDUCATION SHOULD BE PROMOTED AS A PRACTICAL AND MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST THE ZIONIST POLICY OF KEEPING THE PEOPLE IGNORANT.

POPULAR COMMITTEES: UNLU EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO BUILD UP THE INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE TO UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITIES' BAN ON POPULAR COMMITTEES AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEM INTENDED TO FRIGHTEN THE MASSES, ISOLATE THE COMMITTEES AND FACILITATE THEIR ELIMINATION.

COMBATting COLLABORATORS: UNLU APPLAUDS THE STRIKE FORCES, THE NUCLEUS OF THE POPULAR COMMITTEES, WHICH ACTED AGAINST COLLABORATORS AND EXECUTED THE SENTENCE PASSED BY THE INTIFADA AND THE PEOPLE IN YATTA, HEBRON, ILAAR, JENIN AND JALAZONE REFUGEE CAMPS, QABATIYA, BIDYA JABALIYA, DEIR EL-BALAH AND OTHERS. STRIKE FORCES ARE URGED TO CONTINUE CLEANSING THE INTERNAL FRONT OF UNCLEANLINESS AND THOSE WHO HAVE SOLD THEIR SOULS AND HONOR TO THE OCCUPATION AND BETRAYED THEIR PEOPLE AND HOMELAND.

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THE FACIST MOUNTED POLICE: UNLU URGES OUR MASSES
IN BEIT AL-MAQDES (JERUSALEM), THE ETERNAL CAPITAL
OF OUR PALESTINIAN STATE, TO CHALLENGE AND
CONFRONT THE AGGRESSION OF THE FACIST MOUNTED
POLICE WHO HARRASS THE POOR FARMERS WHO DISPLAY
AND SELL THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE NEAR DAMASCUS
AND HEROD GATES. IN AN ATTEMPT TO WARD OFF THE
HUNGER OF THEIR CHILDREN. THE MOUNTED POLICE
DESTROY THE FARMERS' PRODUCE AND FEED THEIR HORSES
ON THE FARMERS' VEGETABLES AND FRUITS, WHILE THE
OWNERS LOOK ON.
MONEY CHANGERS: UNLU URGES MONEychANGERS TO
REFRAIN FROM CREATING CHAOS IN THE FINANCIAL
MARKET. THEY SHOULD STOP SPREADING RUMORS AND
ABSTAIN FROM CREATING PANIC AMONG THE MASSS AS
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THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. SIMPLETONS
WERE ENCOURAGED TO GAMBLE THEIR SAVINGS AND
CHANGED ALL THEIR JORDANIAN DINARS INTO U.S.
DOLLARS. ANY ONE WHO CREATES PANIC, WHETHER
KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY, WILL ONLY WASTE THE
SAVINGS OF OUR PEOPLE AND BRING MORE GAIN TO
ISRAELI AND AMERICAN BANKS.

MERCHANTS: UNLU URGES MERCHANTS TO FORM MORE
MERCHANT COMMITTEES, DEVELOP AND ACTIVATE THEM TO
ENCOURAGE NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND COLLECTIVELY
CONFRONT THE TAXMEN'S RAIDS. BOYCOTT OF THE
ENEMY'S PRODUCTS SHOULD CONTINUE AS DETAILED IN
THE PALESTINIAN MERCHANTS' STATEMENT. WE ORDER
OUR COURAGEOUS MERCHANTS IN GAZA NOT TO RESPOND TO
THE ORDERS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITIES AND THE ARMY

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TO PLACE SIGNS OUTSIDE THEIR SHOPS PROVIDING THE OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS.

VENDOR'S STALLS: UNLU DEMANDS THAT THE STREET VENDORS ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AND REMAIN COMMITTED TO OPENING AND CLOSING THEIR STALLS ACCORDING TO THE MERCHANTS' SCHEDULE. KEEPING THE STALLS OPEN ALL DAY WILL VIOLATE THE PURPOSE OF THE MERCHANTS' PARTIAL STRIKE. THE STRIKE FORCES ARE URGED TO ORGANISE THIS OPERATION.

PROPERTY RENT: UNLU DEMANDS THAT PROPERTY OWNERS REDUC RENT BY 25 PERCENT AND THAT TENANTS ABIDE BY THIS REQUEST AND PAY THEIR RENT IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT HESITATION.

O MASSES OF THE INTIFADA AND ITS STRIKE FORCE:
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UNLU IS AWARE OF THE STATE OF DISORDER AND PANIC AMONG ISRAELIS AND THEIR LEADERS DUE TO THE INTIFADA; THIS WAS CLEARLY SEEN THROUGH FACIST SHARON'S DEMANDS TO PUNISH PARENTS OF STONE-THROWERS, ARENS' DEMAND TO FORBID PALESTINIAN PEDESTRIANS FROM WALKING ON THE PAVEMENTS OF THE STREETS IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE STONE THROWING, AND SHAMIR'S GREEN LIGHT TO SETTLERS TO FIRE LIVE AMUNITION AT PALESTINIANS. UNLU WISHES TO ASK THEM: WHY DO YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AND REFUSE TO SEE THE FACTS ? WHY DO YOU TRY TO HIDE THE SUN BEHIND A SIEVE ? THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL COME ONLY THROUGH YOUR EVACUATION FROM OUR LAND AND RECOGNITION OF OUR LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE SOLUTION WILL NOT COME THROUGH OPPRESSION AND THREATS.

UNLU GREETES THE STRONG PALESTINIAN ARMS WHICH HAVE GIVEN THE STONE A REVOLUTIONARY NAME AND URGES THESE STRONG ARMS TO DROWN THE ENEMY AND ITS SETTLERS WITH MORE STONES AND MOLOTOVS AT ALL TIMES AND PLACES. UNLU CALLS ON THE MASSES TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING:

1. A GENERAL STRIKE TO BE OBSERVED ON SEPTEMBER 8, TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE NINTH MONTH OF THE INTIFADA AND PREPARATIONS TO START THE TENTH MONTH WITH GREAT VIGOUR.

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2. SEPTEMBER 10, TO BE A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH

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OUR CLOSED SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS, UNIVERSITIES
AND LABOR UNIONS, WHEN SIT-INS SHOULD BE HELD
OUTSIDE THESE INSTITUTIONS.

3. SEPTEMBER 13, TO CLEBRATE THE MEETING OF
BROTHER ABU AMMAR (YASSER ARAFAT) WITH THE

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AT STRASSBOURG. SIT-INS TO BE HELD OUTSIDE EUROPEAN CONSULATES IN JERUSALEM AND MEMOS TO BE SUBMITTED CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. SEPTEMBER 15, A CAMPAIGN TO PURIFY OUR INTERNAL FRONT FROM THE UNCLEAN COLLABORATORS AND TRAITORS AND TO FOLLOW UP ON THOSE WHO REFUSED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIGN TO COMPEL THEM TO RESIGN.

5. SEPTEMBER 17, A TOTAL STRIKE DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE MARTYRDOM OF THE THOSE WHO WERE MASSACRED IN SABRA AND SHATILA AND REMEMBER THE MARTYRS OF THE OTHER MASSACRES OF OUR PEOPLE.

6. SEPTEMBER 18, A DAY FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND CLASHES, TO CONDEMN THE MASSACRE OF OUR PEOPLE.

7. SEPTEMBER 22 COMMEMORATES THE DAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL PALESTINE IN 1948. THE DAY SHOULD BE DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE AND TO ESTABLISHING MORE POPULAR COMMITTEES, AIMING AT ANNOUNCING THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR GREAT STATE.

8. SEPTEMBER 26, A TOTAL STRIKE DAY IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE DETAINEES AND IN PROTEST AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF ANSAR III PRISON.

TOGETHER ON THE PATH OF STRUGGLE AND ESCALATION UNTIL THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE FOR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE ARE FULFILLED, WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS

SIGNED: THE PLO, THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE INTIFADA, SEPTEMBER 6, 1988.
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1. (U) SUMMARY. HUNDREDS OF IDF FORCES SEALED
OFF KALKILYA SEPTEMBER 6 IN A CONTINUING
OPERATION INTENDED TO ARREST YOUTHS SUSPECTED OF
ANTI-ISRAELI ACTS. OVER 200 ARRESTS HAVE BEEN
MADE WITHOUT CASUALTIES TO EITHER SIDE. DEFENSE
MINISTER RABIN INDICATED THAT SIMILAR OPERATIONS
WOULD FOLLOW IN OTHER CENTERS OF RESISTANCE. A
SIMILAR OPERATION BEGAN SEPTEMBER 9 AGAINST THE
VILLAGE OF MALIK, NEAR RAMALLAH. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) WITH A MASSIVE SHOW OF FORCE, THE IDF
SEPTEMBER 6 CLOSED OFF KALKILYA AND BEGAN
HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCHES FOR YOUTHS SUSPECTED OF
ATTACKING SETTLER VEHICLES AND PARTICIPATING IN
DISTURBANCES. IN THE OPERATION, WHICH WAS STILL
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IN PROGRESS SEPTEMBER 9, HUNDREDS IDF TROOPS
WITH HELICOPTER SUPPORT ARRESTED YOUTHS FROM A
LIST OF NAMES, MANY OF WHOM ARE SUSPECTED OF
BEING INTIFADA ACTIVISTS. ACCORDING TO PRESS
ACCOUNTS, DETAINEES WERE HANDCUFFED AND
BLINDFOLDED, THEN TAKEN TO A SCHOOL FOR

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QUESTIONING BY SHIN BET AGENTS. A MILITARY PROSECUTOR WAS PRESENT TO SIGN DETENTION ORDERS, AND PRISONERS WERE THEN REMANDED TO THE FAR'A DETENTION FACILITY NEAR NABLUS. AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, OVER 200 YOUTHS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, AND IDF SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THE ACTION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EVERYONE ON THE LIST HAS BEEN APPREHENDED. ACCORDING TO IDF REPORTS, NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED BY TOWNSPEOPLE OR TROOPS.

3. (U) WEST BANK COMMANDER GABI ORR IS QUOTED BY THE JERUSALEM POST AS SAYING THE RAID HAD BEEN PLANNED WEEKS IN ADVANCE AND WAS BASED ON INTELLIGENCE ON STONE-THROWERS GATHERED BY SHIN BET. OC CENTRAL COMMANDER AMRAM MITZNA SAID KALKILYA HAD BEEN TARGETED BECAUSE IT HAD BECOME A CENTER FOR ATTACKS ON ISRAELI VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH THE TOWN FROM WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS TO THE COAST. SETTLER GROUPS HAVE REPEATEDLY PRESSED FOR TOUGHER IDF MEASURES AGAINST THE STONE THROWERS. ON SEPTEMBER 7, DEFMIN RABIN SAID SIMILAR OPERATIONS WOULD BE HELD IN OTHER AREAS THAT HAD BECOME CENTERS OF ANTI-ISRAELI VIOLENCE.

4. (U) RADIO ISRAEL REPORTS SEPTEMBER 9 THAT A

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SIMILAR SEARCH-AND-ARREST OPERATION HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST THE VILLAGE OF MALIK, NEAR RAMALLAH. WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF IT IS AS LARGE IN SCALE AS THE KALKILYA OPERATION.

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT. KALKILYA, LOCATED JUST EAST OF THE GREEN LINE, IS SURROUNDED BY JEWISH TOWNS. IT HAS BEEN A CENTER OF SETTLER-PALESTINIAN CLASHES SINCE APRIL 1987, WHEN A FIREBOMB KILLED TWO MEMBERS OF A JEWISH FAMILY DRIVING FROM THEIR SETTLEMENT NEAR KALKILYA TOWARDS PETAH TIKVA IN ISRAEL. KALKILYA HAS SEEN SOME OF THE HEAVIEST ACTION IN THE INTIFADA, WITH REPEATED SETTLER RAIDS INTO THE TOWN IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUED STONING AND FIREBOMBING ATTACKS ON JEWISH CARS. LENGTHY CURFEWS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED, WITH LITTLE APPARENT EFFECT.

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT CONTINUED. THE SEARCH AND

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ARREST OPERATION IN KALKILYA IS THE GOI'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO FIND A TECHNIQUE TO CRUSH THE INTIFADA. THE GOVERNMENT HAS COME UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM SETTLERS TO MAKE THE ROADS SAFE FOR THEIR CARS. PERHAPS FOR THIS REASON, EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE RAID, INCLUDING A STAGED IDF PHOTO SHOWING A TROOPER IN FULL BATTLE GEAR BURSTING THROUGH THE DOOR OF A PALESTINIAN HOME, WHILE THE AGED OWNER AND HIS WIFE WATCH WITH A BEMUSED EXPRESSION. THE INTIFADA COMMANDS SUCH WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG WEST BANKERS THAT, SHORT OF ARRESTING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN A TOWN OR VILLAGE, THE IDF IS

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UNLIKELY TO STOP STONE THROWING--WHICH
PALESTINIANS VIEW AS A SYMBOL OF RESISTANCE--BY
THIS WAVE OF MASS ARREST AND HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
SEARCHES. IF REPEATED, THIS TECHNIQUE WILL ALSO
INCREASE TENSIONS BY MAXIMIZING POINTS OF JEWISH-
PALESTINIAN FRICTION. AS A SEPTEMBER 8
EDITORIAL IN HA'ARETZ DESCRIBED IT, THE KALKILYA
SWEEP IS "A POINTLESS AND OPPRESSIVE
OPERATION." END COMMENT.
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2. IN A TEST OF STRENGTH AGAINST THE
PLO-ALIGNED UNITED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE
UPRISING (UNLU), THE ISLAMIC HAMAS GROUPING
CALLED A SEPTEMBER 9 GENERAL STRIKE TO
COMMEMORATE THE BEGINNING OF THE TENTH MONTH OF
THE UPRISING. A CONGEN SURVEY BASED ON PHONE
CALLS AND TRAVEL TO THE AFFECTED AREAS OFFERS AN
INSIGHT INTO AREAS OF HAMAS STRENGTH ON THE WEST
BANK:

TOWNS WHERE THE STRIKE WAS OBSERVED

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-- JENIN: NEAR TOTAL ADHERENCE.

-- NABLUS: NEAR TOTAL ADHERENCE; CONGENOFF
SEPTEMBER 8 NOTED ORDERS TO STRIKE SPRAYED IN
RED PAINT ON WALLS IN THE OLD CITY AND SIGNED BY
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-- RAMALLAH: NEAR TOTAL ADHERENCE.

-- BEIT HANINA (IN NORTH JERUSALEM): MAJORITY ADHERENCE.

-- HEBRON: NEAR TOTAL ADHERENCE.

TOWNS WHERE SHOPS WERE OPEN

JERUSALEM: NEARLY ALL SHOPS OPEN, EXCEPT IN BEIT HANINA; SCATTERED SHOPS WERE CLOSED ON SALAHEDDINE STREET AND IN THE OLD CITY, BUT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY REMAINED OPEN.

BETHLEHEM, BEIT JALA, BEIT SAHOUR: NEARLY ALL SHOPS OPEN (THESE TOWNS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES.).

3. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF CLASHES BETWEEN THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP AND HAMAS OVER ENFORCEMENT OF THE STRIKE. OUR CONTACT IN NABLUS TOLD US THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP WOULD NOT CHALLENGE THE HAMAS STRIKE; CONVERSELY, JERUSALEM MERCHANTS SAID NO HAMAS PEOPLE TRIED TO ENFORCE THE STRIKE. THERE HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTS OF HAMAS MEMBERS PATROLLING IN RAMALLAH; WE HAVE NO WORD FROM HEBRON.

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4. CONCURRENTLY WITH THE STRIKE, HAMAS ISSUED A SPECIAL LEAFLET (TEXT SEPTTEL) ATTACKING THE PLO. IN THE LEAFLET, HAMAS REITERATES THAT PALESTINE IS AN ISLAMIC TRUST (WAQF) WHICH CANNOT BE DIVIDED, AND CALLS IMAMS IN THE MOSQUES TO REJECT CAPITULATIONISM AND THE CONCEPT OF A SECULAR STATE.

5. COMMENT: HAMAS SELECTED ITS DATE WELL. THE NINTH OF EVERY MONTH HAS BEEN THE USUAL DATE FOR STRIKES COMMEMORATING THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA, AND MANY SHOPS ARE CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY FOR THE MUSLIM "SABBATH." THUS, THE STRIKE CALL DID NOT GO AGAINST THE GENERAL TREND OF THE INTIFADA. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP CHOSE SEPTEMBER 8 RATHER THAN SEPTEMBER 9 FOR ITS STRIKE DAY SPECIFICALLY TO GAUGE HAMAS' STRENGTH. THE PATTERN OF

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STRIKES CONFIRMS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HAMAS' MAIN
STRONGHOLDS IN THE WEST BANK LIE IN THE NORTHERN
CITIES, RAMALLAH REGION, AND HEBRON. END
COMMENT.
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SUBJECT: MURDER OF THIRD ISRAELI JEW ATTRIBUTED
TO THE INTIFADA

1. (U) POLICE HAVE ARRESTED A 25-YEAR OLD
PALESTINIAN FROM EL-BIREH (NAME WITHHELD) IN
CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF 18-YEAR OLD ZIVA
GOLDOVSKY OF HOLON. ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM
POST, THE SUSPECT CONFESSED TO THE KILLING AND
SAID IT WAS NATIONALISTICALLY MOTIVATED. IF SO,
THIS WOULD MARK THE THIRD ISRAELI JEW KILLED AS
A RESULT OF THE INTIFADA.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT. THE ALLEGED "NATIONALIST"
MOTIVES FOR THE SLAYING APPEAR TO BE INTERTWINED
WITH PERSONAL FACTORS. GOLDOVSKY, AN ADVOCATE
OF JEWISH-ARAB COEXISTENCE, TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY
IN THE WEST BANK, WHERE SHE HAD MANY PALESTINIAN
FRIENDS AND A FIANCE IN HEBRON, AND SHE WAS
KNOWN TO THE MURDERER. THE SUSPECT'S
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CONFESSION, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, SOUNDS
AWKWARD. ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST, THE
SUSPECT SAID HE AND GOLDOVSKY QUARRELED OVER THE
LATTER'S IMMODEST DRESS, THEN HAD AN ARGUMENT
OVER HER LOYALTY TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND
WHETHER SHE WAS A SHIN BETH INFORMER. DURING

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THE ARGUMENT, HE ALLEGEDLY STRUCK HER, STRANGLED
HER, AND CRUSHED HER SKULL WITH A STONE.
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 2. REFTEL FAILED TO MENTION THAT HAMAS LEAFLET NO. 29 CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, WHEREAS THE UNLU LEAFLET NO. 25 CALLS FOR THE STRIKE TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8. THE UNLU STRIKE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OBSERVED; WE WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION ON SEPTEMBER 9 TO DETERMINE WHETHER HAMAS CAN ENFORCE ITS WILL.
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1988

1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE DECLINED SLIGHTLY. ONLY
ONE PALESTINIAN WAS REPORTED KILLED. GENERAL
STRIKES WERE OBSERVED AUGUST 30 AND 31. THERE ARE
NEW SIGNS OF FRICTION BETWEEN THE INTIFADA
LEADERSHIP AND ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS. ISRAELIS
AND PALESTINIANS PUBLISHED DIFFERENT CASUALTY
STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE
UPRISING. THIS REPORT WAS COMPILED MAINLY FROM
PRESS ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. -- PALESTINIAN SOURCES CLAIMED THE IDF SHOT AND
KILLED A 22-YEAR-OLD YOUTH AND WOUNDED FOUR OTHERS
IN AN AUGUST 31 CLASH IN DEIR GHASSANEH, NEAR
RAMALLAH. MILITARY SOURCES DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF
THE INCIDENT.

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-- PROTESTS ERUPTED IN NABLUS ON AUGUST 30 AFTER THE LIFTING OF A FIVE-DAY CURFEW. ACCORDING TO MILITARY SOURCES, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED AT LEAST FIVE PERSONS, ONE OF THEM SERIOUSLY, WHILE PALESTINIAN SOURCES CLAIMED 13 YOUTHS WERE WOUNDED.

-- IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED ONE YOUTH IN QALQILYA DURING A CLASH WITH DEMONSTRATORS ON AUGUST 31; CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON THE TOWN. ALSO SHOT AND WOUNDED WERE TWO VILLAGERS IN HOUSAN, SOUTH OF BETHLEHEM; ONE IN BOURQIN, NEAR JENIN; AND ONE IN KAFR ADDEEK, NEAR NABLUS.

-- IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED FIVE PALESTINIANS DURING CLASHES ON SEPTEMBER 2 IN AZZOUN, NEAR QALQILYA; NABLUS; AND ABU DIS, NEAR JERUSALEM.

-- THREE PALESTINIANS WERE REPORTED WOUNDED, SEPTEMBER 3 IN CLASHES WITH IDF SOLDIERS AT SILET AL HARTHIYEH.

-- ON SEPTEMBER 4, IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED AN 18-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN AT SUR, NEAR TULKAREM.

-- ONE PALESTINIAN WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED SEPTEMBER 5 IN JALBOUN, IN THE JENIN DISTRICT.

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-- AN ISRAELI SETTLER SUSTAINED HEAD INJURIES AUGUST 30 WHEN A ROCK WAS THROWN AT HIS VEHICLE NEAR ANABTA. LATER IN THE DAY, THE IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS DURING CLASHES IN TOWN.

-- A SECOND ISRAELI MOTORIST WAS WOUNDED BY STONES THROWN AT HIS CAR NEAR BIDYA, NABLUS DISTRICT, ON AUGUST 30.

GENERAL STIKES

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3.-- SHOPS WERE SHUTTERED AND PALESTINIANS STAYED AWAY FROM WORK IN ISRAEL ON AUGUST 30 IN A STRIKE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEPORTEES. THE STRIKE CONTINUED AUGUST 31 TO PROTEST THE ARSON DEATH OF THREE PALESTINIANS INSIDE ISRAEL.

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4. -- BANI NAIM, NEAR HEBRON, REMAINED UNDER CURFEW FOR FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE DAY.

-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON AUGUST 30 IN JAYYOUS, EAST OF QALQILYA, AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS. IDF CUT OFF WATER AND ELECTRICITY, WHILE BULLDOZERS CLOSED THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE, WITH SAND AND LARGE ROCKS.

-- TIL AND BOURIN VILLAGES, NEAR NABLUS, AND AZZOUN, NEAR TULKAREM, REMAIN UNDER CURFEW FOR A SECOND WEEK.

-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON QALQILYA AUGUST 31

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FOLLOWING CLASHES WITH SOLDIERS IN WHICH ONE YOUTH
WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED.

-- CURFEW REMAINS IMPOSED ON HOUSAN VILLAGE, NEAR
BETHLEHEM, FOR THE SIXTH DAY, AFTER DAY-LONG
CLASHES AUGUST 31. RESIDENTS REPORTED THAT THE
POWER SUPPLY HAD BEEN CUT OFF.

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-- A CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT ON EIN ARIK, NEAR
RAMALLAH, FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATIONS AUGUST 31 AND
SEPTEMBER 1.

-- CURFEWS REMAINED IN FORCE ON THINNABEH, NEAR
TULKAREM, AND THE TULKAREM REFUGEE CAMP, WHERE
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SOLDIERS BLOCKED OFF ROADS INTO THE CAMP WITH
RAMPARTS OF EARTH AND STONES.

RIVALRY BETWEEN HAMAS AND INTIFADA LEADERSHIP
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5.-- THERE ARE NEW SIGNS OF FRICTION BETWEEN
ACTIVISTS OF THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT,
HAMAS, AND THE PLO-BACKED UNIFIED NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU). A STATEMENT BY
UNLU CRITICIZED HAMAS FOR CALLING UNAUTHORIZED
STRIKES AND URGED POPULAR COMMITTEES TO PROTECT
MERCHANTS WHO IGNORED THEM. THE STATEMENT WARNED
THAT HAMAS ACTIVITIES THREATEN TO UNDERMINE THE
PALESTINIAN UNITY THAT HAS BEEN FORGED DURING THE
INTIFADA.

-- A 40-PAGE HAMAS "COVENANT" OF THE ISLAMIC
RESISTANCE IS REPORTEDLY CIRCULATING IN THE WEST
BANK. THE DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY RULES OUT
CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL, SAYS THE PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED THROUGH "JIHAD," AND
REJECTS ALL INITIATIVES, CONFERENCES AND PROPOSALS
AS A WASTE OF TIME.

STATISTICS ON INTIFADA CASUALTIES
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6.-- DEFENCE MINISTER RABIN SAID ON AUGUST 30 THAT
18,000 RESIDENTS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA HAD
BEEN ARRESTED DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE
INTIFADA, OF WHICH 5,600 REMAINED IN ISRAELI
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PRISONS, INCLUDING 2,600 ADMINISTRATIVE

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DETAINEES. 60 PERSONS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED AND 210 PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED BY ISRAELI GUNFIRE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA.

-- HAOLAM HAZEH HEBREW MAGAZINE AUGUST 18 REPORTED THAT THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN FATALITIES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA IS 257. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE TWO GAZA STRIP WORKERS WHO WERE BURNED ALIVE.

-- PALESTINIAN SOURCES REPORT 334 FATALITIES, OF WHICH 221 DIED FROM IDF GUNFIRE, 27 DIED FROM BEATINGS AND ELECTROCUTIONS, 59 DIED FROM TEAR GAS ASPHYXIATION, AND 27 DIED FROM OTHER CAUSES.

HOMES OF SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS BURNED
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7.-- THE HOMES OF TWO SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS WERE BURNED AND DEMOLISHED IN QALQILYA ON AUGUST 30.

ISRAELI BULLDOZERS UPROOT OLIVE TREES
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8.-- ON AUGUST 31, ISRAELI BULLDOZERS UPROOTED 30 FRUIT-BEARING OLIVE TREES IN BIDYA, WEST OF NABLUS.

ALTERNATIVE CLASSES BLOCKED
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9. ON SEPTEMBER 5, THE IDF CLOSED THE SOCIETY OF

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INFORMAL CLASSES WERE HELD ON THE SOCIETY'S
PREMISES FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE
STUDYING NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONTINUED CLOSURE OF
ALL UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING AN-NAJAH. EARLIER, A
CLASS AT THE ABU DIS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY WAS CLOSED AND 12 STUDENTS AND TWO
TEACHERS ARRESTED. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ALLEGED
THE ALTERNATIVE CLASSES HAD BECOME "CENTERS OF
PROTEST." NABLUS BUSINESSMAN SAID KANAAN, WHO
HEADS THE FRIENDS OF AN-NAJAH SAID: "WE WERE
INVOLVED IN EDUCATION AND WE WERE NOT DOING
ANYTHING AGAINST THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL."

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 2. SUMMARY: THREE RECENT DOCUMENTS--INTIFADA
LEAFLET NO. 25 FROM SEPTEMBER 6, HAMAS LEAFLET
NO. 29 FROM SEPTEMBER 5, AND THE HAMAS
"COVENANT" OF AUGUST 18--PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO
THE EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNIFIED
LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU) AND THE
ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT (HAMAS). THESE
DOCUMENTS, IN WHICH UNLU STRONGLY CRITICIZES
HAMAS FOR TRYING TO SPLIT THE RESISTANCE, WHILE
HAMAS SEEMS TO BE BACKING AWAY FROM
CONFRONTATION, INDICATE THAT UNLU CURRENTLY
RETAINS THE UPPER HAND IN SPEAKING AND ACTING
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FOR THE INTIFADA. HOWEVER, HAMAS' STRATEGY
SEEMS SET FOR A LONG TERM EFFORT TO INCREASE ITS
INFLUENCE ON THE WEST BANK. END SUMMARY.

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3. UNLU LEAFLET NO. 25 DATED SEPTEMBER 6 (TRANSLATION PROVIDED SEPTTEL) IS A RELATIVELY LENGTHY AND CONFIDENT-SOUNDING DOCUMENT THAT PROVIDES THE STRONGEST CRITICISM TO DATE OF HAMAS. HAMAS IS CONDEMNED FOR TRYING TO ORGANIZE PARALLEL STRIKES AND PROTESTS AND, AS A RESULT, AIDING "THE ENEMY" BY DIVIDING PALESTINIANS. HOWEVER, UNLU ALSO "EXTENDS A HAND" TO HAMAS TO JOIN THE UNLU AND CONSOLIDATE PALESTINIAN UNITY. (WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS AN INVITATION THAT HAS BEEN OFFERED, AND REFUSED, IN THE PAST.)

4. IN OTHER ISSUES, THE LEAFLET CONDEMNS THE CONTINUING CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS AND THE SHUTTING DOWN OF PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. IT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE POPULAR COMMITTEES, WHICH HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED BY THE GOI. THE LEAFLET PRAISES RECENT ATTACKS ON COLLABORATORS AND URGES THEIR CONTINUATION. IT ALSO CALLS FOR GENERAL STRIKES ON SEPTEMBER 8, 17, AND 26.

HAMAS LEAFLET NO. 29

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5. HAMAS LEAFLET NO. 29 DATED SEPTEMBER 5 (TEXT TO BE PROVIDED SEPTTEL) TAKES A MORE CONCILIATORY TONE. IT CALLS FOR GENERAL STRIKES, BUT FOR THE SAME DAYS AS UNLU DOES. (THE FACT THAT THE HAMAS LEAFLET, WHICH APPEARED BEFORE THE UNLU ONE, CALLS FOR STRIKES ON THE SAME DAYS SUPPORTS REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT THERE IS COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.) HOWEVER, THIS LEAFLET FOR THE FIRST TIME IS SIGNED "ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, PALESTINE," INSTEAD OF "GAZA," PROBABLY AN ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE APPEAL AND STRENGTH BEYOND GAZ.

COVENANT OF THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

6. WE HAVE RECEIVED (AND POUCHED TO NEA/IAI) AN ENGLISH SUMMARY OF THE 40-PAGE HAMAS COVENANT DATED AUGUST 18. ALTHOUGH SUPPOSEDLY

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CIRCULATING AMONG PALESTINIANS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF IT THROUGH PRESS REPORTS AND LOCAL CONTACTS. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENT FOR ANALYSIS.

7. THE COVENANT SETS OUT TO EXPLAIN THE PHILOSOPHY AND STRATEGY OF THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. IT STATES THAT "THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IS A UNIQUE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT WHICH GIVES ITS ALLEGIANCE TO GOD, USES ISLAM AS ITS WAY, AND RAISES THE BANNER OF GOD ON EVERY INCH OF PALESTINE." ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, HAMAS IS "ONE OF THE

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WINGS OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IN PALESTINE," AND IS CONNECTED WITH "THE MARTYR IZZEDIN QASSAM AND HIS BROTHERS THE MUJAHIDIN FROM THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IN 1936." IT ALSO CLAIMS TIES TO "THE PALESTINIAN JIHAD AND THE JIHAD OF MUSLIM BROTHERS IN 1948 AND THE OPERATIONS OF MUSLIM BROTHERS IN 1968 AND AFTER." IT DEFINES ITS STRUCTURE AS BASED ON "MUSLIMS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO GOD."

8. ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, THE HAMAS RESISTANCE IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT PALESTINE IS A TRUST FROM GOD (WAQF), NO PART OF WHICH MAY BE YIELDED OR CONCEDED. THEREFORE, ITS GOAL IS THE CREATION OF AN ISLAMIC STATE IN
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ALL OF PALESTINE. HAMAS REJECTS "PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES" BECAUSE "THESE CONFERENCES WILL NOT CORRECT THE INJUSTICE OR RETURN THE RIGHTS, THEY ARE A SORT OF ARBITRATION BY UNBELIEVERS TO THE LAND OF THE MUSLIMS." INSTEAD, HAMAS SUPPORTS "JIHAD" COMPOSED OF BOTH ARMED STRUGGLE AND ISLAMIC EDUCATION.

9. THE COVENANT SAYS HAMAS BASES ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS ON RESPECT AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR AIMS. IT EXTENDS AN OFFER TO THEM TO JOIN TOGETHER IN A UNIFIED ISLAMIC MOVEMENT.

10. HAMAS ALSO CLAIMS TO BE PART OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. IT THEREFORE PROMISES TO RESPECT AND SUPPORT OTHER NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS AS LONG AS THEY "DO NOT GIVE THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE COMMUNIST EAST OR THE CRUSADER WEST."

11. IN ONE OF ITS MORE AMBIGUOUS PASSAGES, THE COVENANT LIKENS THE HAMAS-PLO RELATIONSHIP TO THAT BETWEEN A SON AND HIS FATHER. THE DOCUMENT CRITICIZES THE PLO FOR ADOPTING THE GOAL OF A SECULAR STATE, A RESULT IT ATTRIBUTES TO "INVADING EXTERNAL THOUGHTS SINCE THE CRUSADERS,

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SUPPORTED BY ORIENTALISM, THE MISSIONARIES, AND COLONIALISM." IT CRYPTICALLY SAYS THAT UNTIL THE PLO ACCEPTS ISLAM, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO WILL BE "LIKE SON TO FATHER."

12. THE SUMMARY WE HAVE RECEIVED ENDS WITH A

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CALL TO THE ARAB STATES TO OPEN THEIR BORDERS TO THE HAMAS MUJAHIDIN AND FACILITATE THEIR STRUGGLE.

13. COMMENT. THE DOCUMENT'S PRINCIPLES CORRESPOND TO LEAFLETS AND STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HAMAS, AS WELL AS TO TRADITIONAL MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD POSITIONS. AS THE TORTURED WORDING OF THE SECTION ON RELATIONS WITH THE PLO INDICATES, HAMAS HAS NOT YET WORKED OUT ITS STRATEGY VIS-A-VIS THE INTIFADA LEADERSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT HAMAS IS COMMITTED TO AN UNCOMPROMISING CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAEL AND ITS ELEMENTS OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ADVOCATING TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE.

14. MANY PALESTINIANS BELIEVE ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE HAS SOUGHT EITHER TO CREATE OR MANIPULATE ISLAMIC GROUPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE AND WEAKEN THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. FORGED LEAFLETS AND STATEMENTS HAVE ALSO CIRCULATED IN AN ISRAELI ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE UNLU. THESE ARE ISSUES WE WILL ADDRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR FORTHCOMING REPORT ON FUNDAMENTALIST MOVEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THESE DOCUMENTS, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY ARE NOT LEGITIMATE. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE EXTENT, IF ANY, OF CONNIVANCE BY OUTSIDE ELEMENTS IN THEIR PREPARATION AND/OR DISTRIBUTION. END COMMENT.
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2. I WENT TO SEE HIKMAT AL MASRI IN NABLUS ON
SEPTEMBER 4 TO INFORM HIM OF RABIN'S RESPONSE TO
AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S INQUIRY ABOUT HARASSMENT
OF AL MASRI AND HIS FAMILY BY THE ISRAELI
AUTHORITIES. AL MASRI HAD BEEN IN AMMAN FOR
ALMOST A MONTH UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR HIS EYES.
3. I TOLD AL MASRI THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD MET
WITH RABIN ON JULY 8 TO RAISE OUR CONCERN ABOUT
AL MASRI'S COMPLAINT TO ME THAT HIS NEPHEWS,
MAHER AND SALAH, WHO WERE PRESENT, MIGHT BE
FORCED TO LEAVE NABLUS AND RETURN TO JORDAN
BECAUSE OF ALLEGED SUPPORT BY THE MASRI FAMILY
FOR THE INTIFADA AND ILLICIT MONEY MOVEMENTS.
(THE TWO NEPHEWS HAVE COME FROM AMMAN, WHERE
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THEY NORMALLY LIVE, TO MANAGE THE MASRI FAMILY'S
VEGETABLE OIL FACTORY AND FARMS, WHICH HAD
PREVIOUSLY BEEN MANAGED BY THE LATE ZAFAR AL
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4. I SAID THAT RABIN HAD GOTTEN BACK TO THE AMBASSADOR ON JULY 21 AFTER LOOKING INTO THE MATTER. RABIN HAD EXPLAINED THAT THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAD LOOKED INTO THE CASE CAREFULLY AND FOUND NOTHING. HE IMPLIED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE AL MASRIS AND PRESSURE ON THEM HAD BEEN THE RESULT OF INCORRECT INFORMATION AND OVERZEALOUSNESS BY THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES. I SAID WE CONCLUDED FROM RABIN'S REMARKS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER PRESSURE ON MAHER AND SALAH TO RETURN TO JORDAN.

5. HIKMAT, MAHER AND SALAH SAID THEY HAD NOTHING TO HIDE. THEIR BOOKS HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, AND THERE HAD BEEN NO IMPROPER TRANSFERS OF FUNDS. THEY SAID THE FAMILY REGULARLY BRINGS MONEY IN FROM JORDAN TO SUPPORT A WIDE NETWORK OF NEEDY FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS, BUT THESE FUNDS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INTIFADA.

6. MAHER SAID THAT, WHILE HE WAS REASSURED BY RABIN'S RESPONSE, HE THOUGHT THE MESSAGE HAD NOT BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN NABLUS. HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THIS, HE SAID, SINCE HE HAD RECENTLY APPLIED FOR AN EXIT PERMIT TO VISIT HIS FAMILY BRIEFLY IN AMMAN, BUT WAS NOT GIVEN THE PERMIT. HE SAID

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THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD AGREE TO STAY AWAY FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD BEFORE RETURNING, IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE. HE SAID HE COULD NOT DO THIS SINCE HE HAD TO MANAGE THE FAMILY FACTORY IN NABLUS.

7. MAHER SAID HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER THE RELUCTANCE TO ISSUE HIM THE PERMIT WAS RELATED TO THE PREVIOUS THREATS OR WAS JUST A BUREAUCRATIC PUT-OFF. I SUGGESTED THAT HE APPLY AGAIN AND THAT IF HE IS TURNED DOWN, HE SHOULD CONTACT ME SO THAT THE EMBASSY COULD ASK RABIN'S OFFICE TO PASS THE WORD TO NABLUS THAT THE AL MASRIS COULD COME AND GO FREELY.

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2. SUMMARY: LABOR'S PRIVATE LATE AUGUST POLL SUGGESTED LABOR RETAINS A HEALTHY LEAD OVER LIKUD AND IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD NOW, LABOR WOULD LEAD THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. SOME OF OUR WELL-PLACED LABOR CAMPAIGN CONTACTS NONETHELESS BELIEVE LABOR AND LIKUD ARE RUNNING NECK AND NECK. SOME SMALL PARTY CONTACTS WHO WOULD PREFER A LABOR WIN ASSESS LIKUD IN A BETTER POSITION TODAY TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. LIKUD, HOWEVER, APPEARS UNCERTAIN AS TO CAMPAIGN STRATEGY. LIKUD SEEMS UNCERTAIN WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITS CAMPAIGN AS A PARTY OF THE RIGHT AND THE LEADER OF THE "NATIONAL CAMP" OR TO WAGE A LOWER-KEY AND "MODERATE"

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EFFORT FOCUSED ON THE FLOATING VOTER. LABOR, FOR ITS PART, IS CONCENTRATING ITS ORGANIZATION AND RESOURCES ON FOLLOWING UP THE FLOATING AND UNDECIDED VOTERS LOCATED BY ITS MASSIVE TELEPHONE PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

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ASSESSMENTS

3. LABOR: CAMPAIGN HQ SPOKESMAN AVRUM BURG ASSESSED THE ISRAELI ELECTORATE AS ALMOST EVENLY DIVIDED, WITH LABOR HAVING A SLIGHT EDGE. HE BELIEVED THE ELECTION HINGED ON WHICH MAJOR PARTY WOULD GARNER THE FLOATING VOTERS.

4. LIKUD: CAMPAIGN HQ ORGANIZATION CO-DIRECTOR MK MICHA REISER TOLD US THE ELECTION WAS NOT IN LIKUD'S POCKET, ALTHOUGH LIKUD'S PROSPECTS WERE GOOD. HE BELIEVED LIKUD RETAINED THE CONSTITUENCY WHICH ENABLED IT TO EMERGE AS THE LARGEST PARTY IN THE 1981 ELECTIONS. BUT TO SUCCEED LIKUD HAD TO CONDUCT A CAMPAIGN AS A PARTY OF THE RIGHT AND THE LEADER OF THE "NATIONAL CAMP." LIKUD'S PROSPECTS RESTED ON ITS CONDUCTING AN AGGRESSIVE (NOT VIOLENT) CAMPAIGN. A WRONG CAMPAIGN CONCEPT COULD LOSE LIKUD THE ELECTION, HE STRESSED. HE WAS CRITICAL OF THOSE IN LIKUD WHO ADVOCATED FOCUSING ON THE FLOATING VOTER, TINKERING WITH THE PARTY'S FIRM POSITIONS, AND A QUIET CAMPAIGN. HE SPECIFICALLY CRITICIZED ARENS' STATEMENTS ON HOLDING ELECTIONS IN THE TERRITORIES AND UNILATERAL AUTONOMY AND UNNECESSARILY DEPARTING FROM THE LIKUD LINE. HE ALSO THOUGHT SHAMIR'S PUBLIC DESCRIPTION OF LIKUD AS A PARTY OF THE CENTER WAS A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

5. HADASH: UM AL FAHOUM MAYOR MAHMUD HASHIMI, NO. 5 ON THE LIST, EXPECTS HIS PARTY TO WIN 6 SEATS, WITH

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THE PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE WINNING ONLY ONE SEAT. HE PREDICTED LABOR WOULD LOSE HEAVILY AMONG ISRAELI ARABS, THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT WOULD WIN UP TO A SEAT FROM ISRAELI ARABS, AND DAROUSH'S ARAB DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD FAIL TO MAKE IT PAST THE MINIMUM ELECTORAL THRESHOLD.

6. SHAS: CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR RABBI YAIR LEVY BELIEVES SHAS WILL REPEAT ITS ELECTORAL SUCCESS OF 1984, WHEN IT WON 4 SEATS. HE THOUGHT LIKUD WOULD EMERGE AS THE LEADING PARTY AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND WOULD BE ABLE TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, DESPITE HIS PREFERENCE FOR SHAS PARTICIPATION IN A LABOR-LED NARROW GOVERNMENT.

7. CENTER-SHINUI: PARTY LEADER MK AMNON RUBENSTEIN ASSESSED LIKUD WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A RIGHT-RELIGIOUS COALITION AFTER THE ELECTIONS. THE LEAST

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BAD OUTCOME FROM THE CENTER-LEFT'S PERSPECTIVE, HE BELIEVED, WOULD BE A LIKUD-LED NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. (HE HOPED HIS PREDICTIONS WERE WRONG.) RUBENSTEIN THOUGHT HIS PARTY WOULD WIN 3 SEATS, RATHER THAN THE TWO SUGGESTED BY THE POLLS.
8. MAPAM: CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR HANAN EREZ GAVE US AN OPTIMISTIC FORECAST FOR HIS PARTY, PREDICTING A WIN OF 3-4 SEATS.

LIKUD: INTERNAL

9. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO HURWITZ IS THREATENING TO TAKE HIS OMETZ MOVEMENT OUT OF LIKUD IF ZALMAN SHOVAL (AN OMETZ COLLEAGUE) IS NOT GIVEN A SAFE PLACE BEFORE THE 30TH SLOT ON THE LIKUD LIST. HURWITZ'

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DEAL WITH LIKUD HAD BEEN FOR HIM TO RECEIVE THE 6TH PLACE ON THE LIKUD LIST AND FOR SHOVAL TO RECEIVE A SAFE PLACE BETWEEN 20-30. LIKUD DECIDED TO IGNORE THE DEAL AND HAS BEEN SEEKING TO PLACE SHOVAL IN AN UNREALISTIC PLACE IN THE LIST'S HIGH 40S. OMETZ IS TO MEET ON SEPT. 5 TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO. (THE OMETZ PROBLEM HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FACTORS DELAYING FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE LIKUD LIST.)

LIKUD: STRATEGY

10. LIKUD LEADERS MOVED QUICKLY TO TERMINATE FURTHER STATEMENTS BY CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR ARENS IN FAVOR OF UNILATERAL AUTONOMY AND THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN THE TERRITORIES. ARENS' EFFORT TO DEVELOP A MORE FLEXIBLE LIKUD IMAGE (TO APPEAL TO FLOATING VOTERS)

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RAN AGAINST THOSE IN THE PARTY LEADERSHIP CONVINCED IT IS MORE IN LIKUD'S ELECTORAL INTEREST TO HEW TO A CLEAR AND FIRM LINE. COMMENT: AS REISER SUGGESTED IN PARA. 4 ABOVE, LIKUD FACES A DILEMMA IN WHETHER TO CONDUCT A HOT, AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL INSPIRE ITS ACTIVISTS OR A LOW-KEY CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO WIN OVER THE FLOATING VOTER. THIS IS LIKUD'S BASIC CAMPAIGN PROBLEM AT THIS STAGE.

LABOR: INTERNAL

11. WEIZMAN REMOVED BG EPHRAIM SNEH FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ISRAELI ARAB SECTOR IN THE CAMPAIGN, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE WEIZMAN WAS DISSATISFIED WITH THE APPARENT TREND OF ISRAELI ARAB LOSSES FROM LABOR. (CONCERN IN THE PARTY WAS EXACERBATED BY THE UNWANTED RELEASE OF AN ASSESSMENT BY KNESSET CANDIDATE RAANAN COHEN, A FORMER HEAD OF THE MINORITIES DEPARTMENT IN THE PARTY, SUGGESTING LABOR WOULD LOSE HALF OF THE VOTES IT WON FROM ISRAELI ARABS IN 1984.) WEIZMAN HAD CONSIDERED HANDLING THE ISRAELI ARAB CAMPAIGN HIMSELF, BUT DECIDED TO HAND RESPONSIBILITY OVER TO A TEAM HEADED BY ARAB KNESSET CANDIDATE AND HISTADRUT OFFICIAL NAWAF MASALHA.

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CAMPAIGN TEAM, WHICH WILL BE EMPHASIZING PERES AS ONE OF LABOR'S MAJOR ELECTORAL ASSETS IN PARALLEL TO THE BROADER EFFORT OF THE PARTY CAMPAIGN HQ.

POLLS

13. LABOR CONTACTS PROVIDED US WITH RESULTS FROM

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THEIR LATE AUGUST DECIMA SURVEY, WHICH SUGGESTED LABOR WOULD CLEARLY EMERGE AS THE LARGEST PARTY, WITH A "BLOCKING MAJORITY" AGAINST A NARROW LIKUD-LED COALITION. LABOR, LED BY PERES, WOULD BE POSITIONED TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS. (SEE SEPTTEL).

14. LABOR SOURCES ALSO GAVE LABOR MINISTERS AND THE MEDIA SELECTED DATA FROM THE DECIMA SURVEY. PERES WAS PREFERRED OVER SHAMIR AS PRIME MINISTER (48 PERCENT TO 34 PERCENT). EIGHTY PERCENT OF JEWISH ISRAELIS CONSIDERED TERRITORIES, PEACE AND SECURITY (IN THAT ORDER) AS THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUES. SUPPORT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS 71 PERCENT (SIMILAR TO THE MAY LEVEL OF 73 PERCENT AND MARCH LEVEL OF 67 PERCENT). SUPPORT FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS (IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE) IF IT ACCEPTED UNSC RES. 242 AND 338, RECOGNIZED ISRAEL AND RENOUNCED TERRORISM, WENT UP TO A RECORD 60 PERCENT (FROM 49 PERCENT IN MAY AND 43 PERCENT IN MARCH). SUPPORT FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IN THE TERRITORIES REMAINED STABLE AT 57 PERCENT. OPPOSITION TO TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE REMAINED STABLE AT 42 PERCENT. OPPOSITION TO A PALESTINIAN STATE REMAINED STABLE AT 60 PERCENT.

15. SHAMIR CALLED THE RESULTS OF LABOR'S DECIMA POLL "LIES" AND "FABRICATIONS," AND SUGGESTED THE CENTRAL ELECTIONS BOARD "ESTABLISH ORDER" AND SUPERVISION OVER THE USE OF SURVEYS.

16. MODI'IN EZRAHI REPORTED THAT A LATE JULY SURVEY FOUND A SLIGHT EDGE FOR PERES OVER SHAMIR (33.8 PERCENT TO 31.8 PERCENT) ON THE QUESTION OF WHO WAS

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MORE SUITABLE AS PRIME MINISTER, BUT PERES' RATING
HAS BEEN DROPPING OVER RECENT MONTHS WHILE SHAMIR'S
HAS BEEN RISING SLOWLY.

- JULY JUNE MAY APRIL

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| PERES | 33.8 | 35.4 | 38.2 | 36.2 |
| SHAMIR | 31.8 | 31.8 | 30.2 | 29.5 |

17. THE MODI'IN EZRAHI SURVEY ALSO REPORTED RABIN AS
THE PUBLIC'S CHOICE FOR DEFENSE MINISTER, ALTHOUGH
HIS RATING HAS DROPPED OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS .


- JULY JUNE MAY APRIL

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| RABIN | 40.9 | 50.8 | 51.4 | 45.6 |
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UPCOMING

18. LABOR WILL BE HAVING A SECOND CAMPAIGN KICKOFF
ON SEPT. 5, WHILE LIKUD WILL KICKOFF ITS CAMPAIGN ON
SEPT. 6. AFTER THIS BURST OF ENTHUSIASM, THE
CAMPAIGN WILL EBB AGAIN WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE
JEWISH HOLIDAYS THE EVENING OF SEPT. 11.

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EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PLO AND THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU). END SUMMARY.

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THE PNC: WHEN AND WHERE

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3. DURING THE VISIT OF NEA/ARN PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS OFFICER PAUL BERG, A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE PLO TOLD US THAT THE PNC IS UNLIKELY TO BE CONVENED UNTIL INTERNAL DIFFERENCES ARE RESOLVED. THIS COULD RESULT IN A DELAY EVEN BEYOND OCTOBER. THE PLO RECOGNIZES THAT THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT AND 'ARAFAT WILL NOT CONVENE THE PNC UNTIL HE IS CERTAIN OF THE OUTCOME. WITH ALGERIANS HAVING A GOOD REPUTATION AMONG THE PALESTINIANS, THE LIKELY VENUE STILL APPEARS TO BE ALGIERS. THE PLO RULED OUT BAGHDAD AS A SITE SINCE IT DOUBTED THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO FULLY BACK THE RESULTS OF THE PNC.

4. IN ORDER TO SOLIDIFY SUPPORT, PRIOR TO THE PNC 'ARAFAT WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL AND INTER-ARAB DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. THE SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT 'ARAFAT WILL TRAVEL TO STRASBOURG AND TO THE UN. ADDITIONALLY, 'ARAFAT PLANS TO TRAVEL TO NICOSIA TO MEET WITH THE NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE NAM IS AN IMPORTANT PLO CONSTITUENCY, AND 'ARAFAT DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS TAKING ITS SUPPORT FOR GRANTED.

5. OUR SOURCE ALSO COMMENTED ON THE MEETING OF PLO AND SYRIAN-SUPPORTED PALESTINIAN GROUPS CURRENTLY
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UNDERWAY IN TRIPOLI. THIS MEETING REPRESENTS AN EFFORT AT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE SYRIAN-SUPPORTED SPLINTER GROUPS (PFLP-GC, PSF, AND SAIQA) PFLP, DFLP, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCEPT REPRESENTATIVES FROM PRO-IRAQ ALF). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ABU MUSA AND AHMED JIBRIL REFUSED TO MEET WITH 'ARAFAT. THE MEETING IS A LIBYAN EFFORT TO OVERCOME FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES.

WHAT WILL THE PNC DO?

6. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, 'ARAFAT WANTS TO MAKE A BOLD DEPARTURE FROM EXISTING POLICY, HINTS OF WHICH MAY APPEAR IN HIS STRASBOURG SPEECH. THE BASIC THINKING IS TO CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE BASED ON RESOLUTION 181. THIS

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RESOLUTION GIVES LEGITIMACY TO THE TWO STATES IDEA, BUT THE PLO IS FULLY COGNIZANT THAT DELINEATION OF BORDERS WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON 242 AND 338. IN OTHER WORDS, THE PLO WILL SETTLE FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. AN MFA OFFICIAL HAD EARLIER TOLD US THAT ENDORSEMENT OF 181 WOULD REPRESENT OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE PLO'S ACCEPTANCE OF POLITICAL (OVER MILITARY) MEANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

7. WE WERE TOLD THAT ABU IYAD'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" OR "GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE" MIGHT RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST IS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT, COMING FROM SUCH A PROMINENT FATAH HARDLINER. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT ABU IYAD'S UNEXPECTEDLY CONCILIATORY STATEMENT HAS REMAINED UNCRITICIZED BY

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INTERNAL DIFFERENCES

8. THE PLO LEADERSHIP IS WELL AWARE OF SYRIAN
OPPOSITION TO ITS PROPOSED NEW "GOVERNMENT" AND IS
ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE EMERGENCE OF GROUPS LIKE
HAMAS WITHIN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THESE GROUPS
DO NOT FAVOR ANY COMPROMISE WITH ISRAEL AND
CONSEQUENTLY MAKE THE PLO'S TASK MUCH MORE
DIFFICULT. THE PNC ACTIONS MUST BE SO DESIGNED THAT
THESE GROUPS ARE EXPOSED FOR BEING "MARGINALISTS" AND
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INCONSEQUENTIAL. NEVERTHELESS, THE SOURCE CONFIRMED
THAT 'ARAFAT WAS NEGOTIATING WITH FUNDAMENTALIST
GROUPS OVER REPRESENTATION ON THE PLO'S EXECUTIVE AND
CENTRAL COMMITTEES. IN FACT, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM
A PALESTINIAN FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP WAS PRESENT DURING
EC DELIBERATIONS IN BAGHDAD AT 'ARAFAT'S REQUEST.
ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE REPRESENTATIVE'S
OBSTRUCTIONIST POINT OF VIEW WAS DEALT WITH BY
ALLOWING HIM TO SPEAK TO EVERY ISSUE AS LONG AS HE
WANTED, SO THAT WHEN DECISIONS WERE MADE WITH WHICH
HE DISAGREED, HE COULD NOT MAINTAIN THAT HIS VIEWS
HAD NOT BEEN HEARD.

PLO AND INTIFADA LEADERSHIP

8. THERE IS CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PLO AND
THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING. THE
SOURCE CLAIMED THAT THE TWO GROUPS NEED EACH OTHER
AND CONSEQUENTLY LOOK TO EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT.
PAST PALESTINIAN INSURRECTIONS WERE STYMIED BECAUSE
THEIR LEADERSHIP WAS CONFINED TO THE REGION, UNABLE
TO MAKE EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WITH FOREIGN
POWERS OUTSIDE THE REGION. DESPITE REPORTS OF
DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNLU AND THE PLO, UNLU

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CANNOT ALIENATE THE PLO SINCE ONLY THE PLO CAN PROVIDE THE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT THE UPRISING MUST HAVE IF ITS DEMANDS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED. THE PLO PROVIDES THE INTIFADA A VEHICLE WITH WHICH THE FOREIGN POWERS CAN IDENTIFY AND DEAL.

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WEST BANK PARLIAMENTARIANS AND THE PNC

9. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME FORMER WEST BANK MEMBERS OF THE JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE PNC. THIS WOULD ALLAY THE MPS CONCERN THAT THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO IN VIEW OF RECENT JORDANIAN MEASURES. THE SOURCE SPECULATED THAT THE RECENTLY RETIRED SENATOR HIKMAT AL MASRI WILL BE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THE PNC. HE IS A LOYAL HASHEMITE AND HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD SIGNAL THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERYONE WITHIN THE PLO RUBRIC.

10. THIS CABLE WAS CLEARED BY BERG. THEROS.

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2. SUMMARY. WE RECOMMEND A HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE TO THE GOI URGING THAT SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES BE REOPENED THIS FALL, IN VIEW OF THE IMMENSE COST CONTINUED CLOSURE POSES ON PALESTINIANS AND THE ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE THAT CONTINUED CLOSURE IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREVENTING VIOLENCE.
END SUMMARY.

3. AS A RESULT OF THE GOI'S CLOSURE OF WEST BANK SCHOOLS AND WEST BANK AND GAZA UNIVERSITIES AS A MEANS OF HALTING THE INTIFADA, PALESTINIAN STUDENTS HAVE LOST BETWEEN HALF AND THE ENTIRETY

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OF THE 1987-88 SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOLS HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH A SERIES OF OPENINGS AND CLOSURES WHICH, WHILE FINISHING THE SCHOOL YEAR, HAVE SEVERELY AFFECTED THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION RECEIVED. UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN CLOSED

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COMPLETELY SINCE MID-DECEMBER AND IN SOME CASES LONGER (BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE LATE OCTOBER), THUS CANCELLING THE ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR. THE CIVAD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT REOPENING OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE DELAYED AT LEAST UNTIL OCTOBER THIS FALL. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT UNIVERSITIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO REOPEN.

4. THE OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR CLOSURES OF UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS IS THAT THEY SERVE AS CENTERS FOR VIOLENT INTIFADA PROTEST ACTIVITIES. THERE IS NO EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CLOSURES HAVE HAD ANY EFFECT ON VIOLENT PROTEST ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAVE CONTINUED AT MORE OR LESS THE SAME RATE, NOTWITHSTANDING SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CLOSURES. INDEED, ONE CAN MAKE THE CASE THAT THE ENFORCED IDLENESS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAS MADE THEM MORE AVAILABLE FOR STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES AND THAT THE CLOSURE HAS NOT PREVENTED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GATHERING IN OTHER LOCATIONS. THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES HAS MANIFESTLY FAILED TO DAMPEN POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION. IT HAS PROBABLY ENLARGED THIS OPPOSITION SINCE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT OCCUPIED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACADEMIC WORK WHEN SCHOOLS

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ARE CLOSED. IT IS ARGUABLE, THEREFORE, THAT SCHOOL CLOSURES ARE MORE OF A FORM OF COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT THAN A LEGITIMATE SECURITY MEASURE, SINCE NOT ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

5. IN ANY CASE, THE COST OF SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CLOSURES HAS BEEN VERY HIGH IN TERMS OF EDUCATION FORFEITED AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LOSS THAT THIS MUST INEVITABLY IMPOSE. IF THE ENFORCED IDLENESS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IS CONTINUED THIS FALL, IT IS LIKELY TO ADD FURTHER TO THE ALIENATION AND POLITICAL RADICALIZATION OF THE YOUNG, STRENGTHEN ATAVISTIC, IDEOLOGICAL GROUPS SUCH AS RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS, AND MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL RECONCILIATION. THE STRENGTHENING

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OF THESE NEGATIVE TRENDS WILL FURTHER EXACERBATE
THE GENERATION GAP BETWEEN YOUNG PALESTINIANS
AND THEIR MORE MODERATE ELDERS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE OF THE
DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS OF SCHOOL CLOSURES ON
PALESTINIAN SOCIETY AND THE LACK OF SOLID
EVIDENCE THAT IT IS AN EFFECTIVE SECURITY
MEASURE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAKE A
HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE TO THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND
THAT EMBASSY TEL AVIV MAKE A PARALLEL APPROACH
URGING STRONGLY THAT BOTH SCHOOLS AND
UNIVERSITIES BE ALLOWED TO REOPEN THIS FALL,
DRAWING ON THE RATIONALE ABOVE AND STRESSING
THAT THE ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM NOT BE

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1. SUMMARY: IN A WEEK OF ESCALATING VIOLENCE
THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK, THE IDF SHOT AND KILLED
11 PALESTINIANS AND WOUNDED AT LEAST SEVEN
OTHERS. IN ADDITION, ISRAELI SETTLERS SHOT AND
WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS, AND TWO SUSPECTED
PALESTINIAN COLLABORATORS FROM YATTA, NEAR HEBRON,
WERE MURDERED. SEVEN LOCATIONS IN THE WEST BANK
WERE PLACED UNDER CURFEW. GENERAL STRIKES WERE
OBSERVED AUGUST 24 AND 25. THIS REPORT WAS
COMPILED MAINLY FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.

11 KILLED AND 7 INJURED

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2. -- ONE ISRAELI WOMAN PASSENGER WAS LIGHTLY
INJURED ON AUGUST 22 WHEN STONES WERE THROWN AT AN
ISRAELI BUS TRAVELLING THROUGH EAST JERUSALEM.

-- IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A

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17-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN GIRL DURING CLASHES IN NABLUS ON AUGUST 24. IN NEARBY BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED A YOUTH WHO APPARENTLY WAS ABOUT TO THROW A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL. IDF SHOT AND INJURED NINE PALESTINIANS IN CLASHES IN NABLUS AND NEIGHBORING REFUGEE CAMPS. FOUR LABORERS WHO TRIED TO GO TO WORK IN ISRAEL WERE INJURED WHEN THEIR BUS WAS STONED.

-- AN ISRAELI BOY WAS INJURED AUGUST 24 WHEN ROCKS THROWN AT A BUS NEAR ARROUB REFUGEE CAMP, NORTH OF HEBRON, SHATTERED THE VEHICLE'S WINDOWS.

-- ON AUGUST 25, MASKED MEN THREW TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT AN ISRAELI BUS THAT ARRIVED IN AZARIYEH, BETHANY, TO PICK UP PALESTINIANS WORKING IN ISRAEL. THE BUS WAS BURNED AND ONE LABORER WAS INJURED.

-- IN BETHLEHEM, THREE PALESTINIAN WORKERS ON THEIR WAY TO ISRAEL WERE INJURED AUGUST 25 WHEN STONES WERE THROWN AT THEIR CAR.

-- THE BODY OF A PALESTINIAN, JALAL SHUQAIR, WAS FOUND AUGUST 25, NEAR AZ-ZAWIYEH, CLOSE TO ELKANA SETTLEMENT, SOUTH OF QALQILIYA. PALESTINIAN SOURCES CLAIMED SHUQAIR WAS KILLED BY SETTLERS, WHILE THE IDF SAID HE WAS KILLED WHILE HANDLING A

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BOMB. SHUQAIR HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL IN THE 1985 PRISON EXCHANGE WITH AHMAD JIBRIL.

-- AYMAN IZZAT ABDUL AZIZ RAMADAN, 14, OF TIL VILLAGE, NEAR NABLUS, DIED AUGUST 26 OF HEAD WOUNDS SUSTAINED DURING A CLASH WITH THE IDF ON AUGUST 12.

-- ON AUGUST 26, A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY WERE WOUNDED BY IDF GUNFIRE DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN JENIN REFUGEE CAMP.

-- ON AUGUST 26, IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND A 23-YEAR-OLD MAN DURING CURFEW HOURS IN NABLUS.

-- ON AUGUST 27, IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED A

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17-YEAR-OLD YOUTH IN NABLUS DURING CURFEW HOURS.

-- ON AUGUST 28, AN ISRAELI MOTORIST WHOSE WINDSHIELD WAS SMASHED BY STONES IN QALQILYA SHOT AND WOUNDED A 50-YEAR-OLD MAN IN THE BACK AND A 20-YEAR-OLD IN THE LEG.

-- ON AUGUST 29, IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED A 42-YEAR-OLD MAN OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN NABLUS DURING CURFEW HOURS.

-- ON AUGUST 29, IDF SHOT AND WOUNDED A 23-YEAR-OLD MAN WHEN SOLDIERS BROKE UP A DEMONSTRATION IN BAL'A, NEAR TULKAREM. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

-- AN ISRAELI WOMAN WAS WOUNDED AUGUST 29 WHEN

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YOUTHS STONED HER CAR IN HEBRON.

-- ON AUGUST 29, CURFEW WAS CLAMPED ON TARQUMIA, NEAR HEBRON, AFTER TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE THROWN AT A CAR WITH ISRAELI LICENSE PLATES, DRIVEN BY AN ARAB. THE VEHICLE BURNED, BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

TWO MORE ALLEGED PALESTINIAN COLLABORATORS KILLED
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3. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECORDED ATTACKS ON PALESTINIANS SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATING WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. WITH TWO KILLINGS THIS WEEK, A TOTAL OF FOUR COLLABORATORS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA:

-- MASKED ASSAILANTS HACKED TO DEATH SAADI HAZAZA EL HAMROUSH, 34, IN YATTA, SOUTH OF HEBRON, AUGUST 25, IN A KILLING VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED BY PALESTINIANS AS AN ATTACK ON A SUSPECTED COLLABORATOR, AND BY THE IDF AS THE RESULT OF A FAMILY FEUD. EL HAMROUSH HAD BEEN STABBED A MONTH AGO IN HEBRON AND ONLY RECENTLY HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

-- ON AUGUST 25, VILLAGERS AT AZZOUN, NEAR QALQILYA STONED A CAR CARRYING TWO PALESTINIAN BROTHERS, TAHSIN AND BASSAM MANSOUR, SUSPECTED OF COOPERATING WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. TAHSIN OPENED FIRE, WOUNDING A 20-YEAR-OLD IN THE CROWD.

-- A SIMILAR INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN RAMALLAH, ON AUGUST 25, WHEN A SUSPECTED COLLABORATOR WAS ASSAULTED AND OPENED FIRE AT THE GROUP, WOUNDING A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY.

-- ON AUGUST 27, THREE PALESTINIAN YOUTHS WERE WOUNDED IN ILLAR, NEAR TULKAREM, WHEN A VILLAGER

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FIRE HIS GUN AT A GROUP OF YOUTHS WHO TRIED TO ATTACK HIM. HE WAS JOINED BY ANOTHER VILLAGER WHO SHOT AND INJURED AN ELDERLY PALESTINIAN WOMAN.

-- THE BATTERED AND BLOODIED BODY OF SAMEH YOUSEF DABABSEH, 22, OF YATTA, NEAR HEBRON, WAS FOUND ON AUGUST 28 BOUND TO AN ELECTRICITY POLE IN HEBRON.
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AUTHORITIES DENIED THAT DABABSEH WAS KILLED FOR COLLABORATION AND SAID THAT HE WAS A KNOWN CRIMINAL. LOCAL RESIDENTS CLAIMED THAT HE WAS AN INFORMER.

70 ARAB HOMES DEMOLISHED DURING THE INTIFADA
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4. ON AUGUST 23, AUTHORITIES DEMOLISHED THREE HOMES IN JALAZON REFUGEE CAMP. THESE BELONGED TO PALESTINIANS SUSPECTED OF MEMBERSHIP IN A LOCAL "STRIKE FORCE" CHARGED WITH ENFORCING INSTRUCTIONS OF THE UPRISING LEADERSHIP WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD BEATEN A SUSPECTED COLLABORATOR. MORE THAN 70 HOMES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED BY THE IDF SINCE THE START OF THE UPRISING.

GENERAL STRIKES
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5. -- PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA OBSERVED A GENERAL STRIKE ON AUGUST 24 AND 25, IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL MADE BY THE UNIFIED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING, IN MEMORY OF FOUR PALESTINIAN PRISONERS KILLED LAST WEEK IN ISRAELI PRISONS. PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS TRIED TO BLOCK LABORERS FROM TRAVELLING TO WORK AND THREW STONES AND EMPTY BOTTLES AT A BUS CARRYING WORKERS IN TULKAREM, INJURING SEVERAL.

-- THERE WERE SEVERAL ATTACKS ON VEHICLES CARRYING PALESTINIAN LABORERS TO WORK IN ISRAEL ON AUGUST 25, THE SECOND DAY OF A GENERAL STRIKE OBSERVED IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FEW LABORERS WENT TO WORK IN ISRAEL.

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-- PALESTINIANS ARE TO OBSERVE A GENERAL STRIKE ON
AUGUST 30 AND 31 IN SOLIDARITY WITH DEPORTED
PALESTINIANS AND TO PROTEST THE ARSON DEATHS OF
ARAB LABORERS IN ISRAEL.

CURFEWS
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6. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED AUGUST 25 ON NABLUS AND
SURROUNDING REFUGEE CAMPS FOLLOWING CLASHES THE
PREVIOUS DAY. THE CURFEW WAS LIFTED ON AUGUST 30.

-- CURFEW WAS IMPOSED AUGUST 25 ON THE TULKAREM,
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KALANDIA AND AM'ARI REFUGEE CAMPS AND THE VILLAGE
OF BANI NAIM, NEAR HEBRON, AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS.
THE CURFEW CONTINUED FOR THE FOURTH DAY, ON AUGUST
29.

-- ON AUGUST 27, AUTHORITIES IMPOSED CURFEW ON
BEIT SAHOUR AND BEIT JALA, TO PREVENT
DEMONSTRATIONS MARKING 40 DAYS SINCE THE KILLING

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OF A BEIT SAHOUR YOUTH AND A BEIT JALA MAN.

IDF UNCOVERS SUSPECTED TERRORIST CELL

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7. ON AUGUST 23, SECURITY FORCES ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD UNCOVERED A SUSPECTED TERROR CELL IN JENIN DISTRICT. MEMBERS OF THE CELL WERE ACCUSED OF POSSESSING AND THROWING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AND EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.

DETENTION OF 5,000 PRISONERS COSTS SIX MILLION NIS

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8. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE COST OF MAINTAINING ONE PRISONER FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES COSTS THE GOI ABOUT 40 NEW SHEKELS PER DAY. THE 5,000 DETAINED IN ISRAELI PRISONS DURING THE INTIFADA COST APPROXIMATELY 200,000 SHEKELS PER DAY, ABOUT SIX MILLION SHEKELS PER MONTH (USD 1 NIS 1.7).

PALESTINIAN RETURNS FROM EXILE

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9. ON AUGUST 28, KHALIL ABU ZAYAD, 43, WHO HAD BEEN EXPELLED IN AUGUST 1985 FOR ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AS A SENIOR FATAH LEADER, WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN FROM JORDAN AFTER A THREE-YEAR STAY IN WHICH HE UNDERTOOK TO AVOID ANY ACTIVITY AGAINST ISRAELI SECURITY. AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN 1985 WHEREBY ABU ZAYAD WOULD LEAVE FOR THREE YEARS IN RETURN FOR CANCELLATION OF A DEPORTATION ORDER PASSED AGAINST HIM.
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2. UNRWA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BOB DILLON TOLD US AUG 22 THAT HE WAS IN ISRAEL TO DISCUSS WITH GOI OFFICIALS UNRWA'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT, AS IS CUSTOMARY EACH YEAR, AND OTHER UNRWA ACTIVITIES. DILLON GAVE US WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COMPLETE RUNDOWN ON HIS MEETING AND ISRAEL CONCERNS (SEE PARA 4). HE DID NOT SAY THE ISRAELIS HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT UNRWA PERSONNEL ATTEMPTING TO ACT AS POLICEMEN IN THE CAMPS. HE MET WITH THE MFA'S DIRECTOR OF IO AFFAIRS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CIVAD, AND A LAWYER FROM [REDACTED]
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3. UNRWA IS DEEPLY AWARE OF OUR CONCERN THAT UNRWA AVOID POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT, AND WE BELIEVE IT HAS ADHERED TO THIS PRINCIPLE OVER

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THE YEARS. UNRWA'S WEST BANK DIRECTOR, BOB HOPKINS, IS A COMPETENT, LOW-KEY INDIVIDUAL WHO UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH UNRWA WORKS AND THE NEED TO AVOID POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, UNRWA STAFFERS OPERATE IN A DIFFICULT, POLITICALLY CHARGED ATMOSPHERE. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL THAT THEY HAVE A POINT OF VIEW ABOUT ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE CAMPS, WHICH SOMETIMES INVOLVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE. THE U.S. HAS COMPLAINED TO THE GOI ABOUT THESE PRACTICES. WE ARE NOT SURPRISED THAT UNRWA OFFICIALS IN THE CAMPS HAVE ALSO TRIED, INFORMALLY, TO MODERATE IDF PRACTICES, ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, FROM TIME TO TIME. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE UNRWA HAS ACTUALLY SOUGHT A NEW, PROTECTIVE ROLE OF THE KIND MENTIONED IN REFTTEL AS AN EXTENSION OF ITS MANDATE. UNRWA IS DOING AN EFFECTIVE JOB IN THE WEST BANK, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST. A CERTAIN LEVEL OF TENSION BETWEEN THE GOI AND UNRWA IS CHRONIC. IT HAS INCREASED DURING THE INTIFADA, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS SOMETHING BOTH SIDES CAN MANAGE.

4. IN DILLON'S MEETING WITH THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS AUG 22, THEY RAISED THE FOLLOWING

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OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING UNRWA ACTIVITIES. THEY COMPLAINED ABOUT UNRWA'S PROVIDING RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO SOME NEEDY PEOPLE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES, AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY THE INTIFADA. DILLON SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ACTIVITY DOES NOT REPRESENT A LARGE NEW PART OF UNRWA'S PROGRAM, UNRWA BELIEVES IT IS NECESSARY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND SEES NO REASON FOR GOI OBJECTIONS. HE SAID AMONG THOSE ASSISTED ARE RELATIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED, ALTHOUGH UNRWA HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED DESIGNATING SUCH PEOPLE AS A CATEGORY FOR ASSISTANCE. DILLON SAID THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS SEEM TO OBJECT MORE TO THE REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE TO NON-REFUGEES IN THE DRAFT REPORT THAN TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS TAKING PLACE. HE SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, UNRWA WOULD ADHERE TO A CLEAR DIRECTIVE FROM THE GOI

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TO REFRAIN FROM THIS ACTIVITY IF THIS WERE
ISSUED, SINCE UNRWA REALIZES THAT, LIKE ALL
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,
IT IS ULTIMATELY SUBJECT TO RULES ISSUED BY THE
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1. THE CONSUL GENERAL RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
LETTER DATED AUGUST 27, 1988 FROM DR. MAHDI
ABDUL-HADI, PRESIDENT, PALESTINIAN ACADEMIC
SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
(PASSIA).

2. BEGIN TEXT: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
SUPPORT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S CLEAR OPPOSITION TO
THE ISRAEL PLANS TO EXPEL TWENTY-FIVE MORE
PALESTINIANS FROM THEIR HOMELAND. SUCH FIRM
AMERICAN STANDS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE
NORMALIZATION PROCESS PRESENTLY GOING ON BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLES AND OUR
HISTORICAL, LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP, THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. THEY WILL ALSO OPEN
THE EYES AND MINDS OF AMERICANS TO THE EFFECTS
OF ISRAEL'S "IRON FIST" POLICY AGAINST

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PALESTINIANS.

FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS, PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN
PURSUING AN UNARMED POPULAR INTIFADA AIMED AT

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CONVINCING ISRAEL TO ACCEPT A TWO-STATE SOLUTION AND URGING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE IN ARBITRATING THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT. AS PALESTINIANS, WE FEEL THAT THE WORLD WHICH LEGITIMIZED THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN 1947 HAS BEEN NEGLIGENT IN ENFORCING THE SECOND HALF OF THE PARTITION PLAN AND HELPING TO ESTABLISH THE PALESTINIAN STATE.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE WINDS OF CHANGE WHICH THE INTIFADA HAS BROUGHT TO THE REGION WILL CONTINUE TO POLITICIZE THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT, AND WILL NOT SHIFT TOWARD VIOLENCE AS THE ISRAELI POLICIES AND PRACTICES ESCALATE AGAINST PALESTINIAN INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS.

I ASK YOU TO CONVEY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MY APPRECIATION FOR THE HONORABLE STAND IT HAS TAKEN AGAINST THE ILLEGAL DEPORTATION OF PALESTINIANS. I HOPE THAT A NEW LEAF IN PALESTINIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS CAN BE TURNED OVER AND WILL LEAD TO A JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE. END TEXT.
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2. SUMMARY: ELECTION SURVEYS SUGGEST A STALEMATE
BETWEEN LABOR AND LIKUD IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD NOW.
MANY OF OUR POLITICAL SOURCES CONTINUE TO EXPECT
ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. BUT WE BELIEVE
THERE ARE TOO MANY WILD CARDS TO MAKE SURE FORECASTS
ABOUT WHAT MAY HAPPEN AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.
END SUMMARY.

POLLS

3. SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY DAHAF (LIKUD'S POLLSTER) AND
DECIMA (LABOR'S POLLSTER) DURING THE FIRST HALF OF
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AUGUST REPORTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A STALEMATE IF
ELECTIONS WERE HELD AT THIS POINT. BOTH POLLS SAID
LABOR WOULD WIN SEVERAL MORE SEATS THAN LIKUD AND THE
CENTER-LEFT BLOC WOULD BE LARGER THAN THE RIGHT
BLOC. DECIMA RESULTS SUGGESTED THE THEORETICAL

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POSSIBILITY OF A LABOR-RELIGIOUS MAJORITY, WHILE DAHAF RESULTS DID NOT GIVE LIKUD A MAJORITY WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES (EXCLUDING KAHANE). SHOULD THERE BE A STALEMATE, AS THESE TWO POLLS SUGGEST, THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES' COULD PLAY THE DECIDING ROLE IN THE COALITION FORMATION. KACH'S POSITION WOULD ALSO BECOME OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO LIKUD SHOULD KACH BE PERMITTED TO RUN IN THE ELECTION AND WIN THREE SEATS AS REPORTED BY THE POLLS. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BOTH POLLS WERE BASED ON A SAMPLE OF JEWISH ISRAELIS, WITH ESTIMATES FOR THE ISRAELI ARAB VOTE.)

4. THE FULL SURVEY RESULTS WERE:

| PARTY | DAHAF POLL | DECIMA POLL | 1984 RESULTS |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| LABOR | 42 | 43 | 43 |
| CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT | | 5 | 8 3 |
| MAPAM | 3 | 2 | - |
| CENTER-SHINUI PARTY | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| ----- | | | |
| CENTER/LEFT SUBTOTAL | 52 | 55 | 49 |
| HADASH (COMMUNISTS) | - | 6 | 4 |
| PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE | - | 2 | 2 |
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NON-ZIONIST LEFT SUBTOTAL 7 8 6

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|-----------------|----|----|----|
| LIKUD | 40 | 38 | 41 |
| TEHIYA | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| TZOMET | 2 | 1 | - |
| ----- | | | |
| RIGHT, SUBTOTAL | 48 | 46 | 46 |

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| KACH | 3 | 3 | 1 |
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| NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| AGUDAT ISRAEL | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| SHAS | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| MEMAD | - | 1 | - |
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RELIGIOUS SUBTOTAL 10 8 12

5. A MOD'IN EZRAHI POLL (FBIS TA 2408131288) CONDUCTED AT THE END OF JULY REPORTED THAT OVER HALF THOSE SURVEYED HAD NOT CHANGED THEIR OPINIONS AS A RESULT OF THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORIES. BUT AMONG THOSE WHO HAD CHANGED THEIR ATTITUDES AS A RESULT OF THE INTIFADA, MORE SHIFTED TO THE RIGHT (33 PERCENT) THAN TO THE LEFT (14 PERCENT). PERSONS WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD VOTED FOR THE LEFT TENDED TO BECOME MORE DOVISH, WHILE THOSE WHO HAD VOTED FOR THE RIGHT TENDED TO BECOME MORE HAWKISH. THOSE TOO YOUNG TO VOTE IN 1984 SAID THEY HAD BECOME MORE RIGHTWING (73 PERCENT) THAN LEFTWING (27 PERCENT).

6. A DECIMA POLL CONDUCTED IN EARLY AUGUST REPORTED THAT 57 PERCENT OF THE PUBLIC THOUGHT A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT A RECIPE FOR NATIONAL PARALYSIS,

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WHILE 38 PERCENT THOUGHT OTHERWISE. LABOR VOTERS
(63 PERCENT) WERE MORE NEGATIVE ON A NUG THAN LIKUD
VOTERS (45 PERCENT).

ASSESSMENTS

7. LIKUD: CAMPAIGN HQ DEPUTY CO-DIRECTOR SHARIR TOLD
US LIKUD WAS IN A BETTER POSITION THAN LABOR AT THIS
POINT. HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER NATIONAL

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UNITY GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE PREFERRED A NARROW LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT. KNESSET CANDIDATE TZAHI HANEGBI, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND NOW PLAYING A SIMILAR ROLE FOR SHAMIR IN THE CAMPAIGN, EXPECTS ANOTHER NUG WITH SHAMIR AT ITS HEAD. BOTH SHARIR AND HANEGBI, HOWEVER, TOLD US THEY WERE CONCERNED BY LIKUD OVER-OPTIMISM.

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8. LABOR: KNESSET CANDIDATE MICKY BAR-ZOHAR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LABOR'S CAMPAIGN IN THE KEY CENTER (TEL AVIV) AREA, "REALISTICALLY" ASSESSED LABOR'S DRAW AT THIS TIME AT ABOUT 37 SEATS. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, HE EXPECTED ANOTHER NUG, WITH A TWO OR SO SEAT DIFFERENCE DETERMINING WHO WOULD BE PRIME MINISTER. LABOR KNESSET CANDIDATE PIMA FEINBLUM, HEAD OF THE BEERSHEBA PARTY BRANCH AND ONE OF LABOR'S CAMPAIGN HEADS IN THE SOUTH, REFUSED TO BE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT LABOR'S PROSPECTS IN HIS REGION. HE TOLD US HE FELT LABOR HAD REAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SOUTH. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO LABOR'S FOUR NEW CANDIDATES FROM THE REGION AND THE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION THERE. AN IMMIGRANT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, FEINBLUM HOPED TO ATTRACT VOTES FROM OTHER FORMER SOVIET JEWS, WHO HAVE TENDED TO VOTE LIKUD.

9. CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT: CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR MK DEDI TZUKER BELIEVED CRM HAD A SOLID 5 SEATS AT THIS TIME, WITH GOOD PROSPECTS TO PICK UP MORE SEATS FROM WAVERING PAST LABOR VOTERS AND ISRAELI ARABS.

10. AGUDAT ISRAEL: MK RABBI PORUSH TOLD US HE EXPECTED HIS PARTY TO WIN 2-3 SEATS, AND WITH SHAS TO WIN A TOTAL OF 7 SEATS. HE EXPECTED SHAMIR TO LEAD THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY PREFERRED A NARROW LABOR-LED GOVERNMENT LED BY PERES.

11. ARAB DEMOCRATIC PARTY: MK DAROUSHA HOPES FOR 3-4 SEATS. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT FORMAL ISLAMIC SUPPORT -- WHICH IS CRITICAL TO HIS PROSPECTS -- MAY

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NOT BE GAINED BY HIM (OR ANY OTHER PARTY). (NOTE: WITHOUT CLEAR ISLAMIC SUPPORT, DAROUSH WILL HAVE A HARD TIME WINNING EVEN ONE SEAT.)

LIKUD: INTERNAL

12. THE CEREMONY UNITING HERUT AND THE LIBERAL PARTY IN "LIKUD - THE NATIONAL LIBERAL MOVEMENT" WAS HELD ON AUG. 25. SHAMIR WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MOVEMENT. NRP LIST LEADER SHAKI, IN A POLITICALLY FRIENDLY NOD TO LIKUD, WAS THE ONLY NON-LIKUD PARTY LEADER PRESENT AS A GUEST.

13. MINISTERS KATZAV (HERUT) AND MODAI (LIBERAL), DRAFTERS OF THE MERGER COVENANT, DISAGREED OVER THE TEXT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE CEREMONY. MODAI SOUGHT TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE UPHOLDING AGREEMENTS REACHED PREVIOUSLY IN THE SEPARATE PARTY INSTITUTIONS, I.E., THE LIBERAL COUNCIL DECISION WHICH NAMED MODAI, NISSIM AND SHARIR AS ITS CANDIDATES FOR MINISTERS IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. MODAI FAILED TO GET HIS WAY AND HAD TO BE CONTENT WITH A LETTER TO SHAMIR NOTING THE LIBERALS' DECISION.

14. LIKUD MINISTERS ESCALATED ATTACKS ON RABIN OVER THE INTIFADA. SHARON MADE A POINT OF CALLING ON SHAMIR TO FIRE RABIN. (RABIN HIT BACK AT SHARON BY SAYING HIS CALL FOR ANNEXING AREAS OF A "EXTENDED ALON PLAN" SHOWED SHARON DID NOT ACCEPT LIKUD'S POSITION ON HOLDING ALL THE TERRITORIES. RATHER, HE ASSERTED SHARON ACCEPTED LABOR'S VIEW THAT ISRAEL SHOULD ONLY HOLD ON TO SOME OF THE TERRITORIES.)

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15. LABOR DRAFTED A GENERAL PLANK ON "RELIGION AND THE STATE" WITH AN EYE TO CHANGING ITS "ANTI-RELIGIOUS" IMAGE AMONG THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES. PARTY SPOKESMEN MADE CLEAR THE GOAL WAS TO IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR BRINGING THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES INTO A LABOR-LED COALITION AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

16. IN ADDITION, PERES IS PERSONALLY MAKING INCREASED EFFORTS TO REACH OUT TO THE RELIGIOUS PUBLIC. PERES AND MGEN (RES.) BEN-GAL CALLED ON THE LEADER OF THE BELZ ULTRA-ORTHODOX HASIDIM TO EXPLAIN LABOR'S POSITION ON PEACE AND SECURITY. PERES ALSO MADE A TRIP TO NETIVOT TO VISIT THE GRAVE OF THE BABI SALI, A RABBI REVERED BY ISRAEL'S MOROCCAN COMMUNITY.

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17. PARTY HAWKS ORGANIZED A TRIP TO THE JORDAN VALLEY WITH DOVISH MINISTERS AND MK CANDIDATES ALONG TO DEMONSTRATE LABOR'S COMMITMENT TO THE JORDAN RIVER AS ISRAEL'S SECURITY BORDER AND TO THE SETTLEMENTS IN THE AREA.

18. CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR SHOHAT ANNOUNCED THE PARTY'S TELEPHONE PROJECT TO REACH OUT TO
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VOTERS HAD MADE OVER 350,000 CALLS. RESPONDENTS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS 30 PERCENT FOR LABOR; 20 PERCENT AGAINST LABOR; 30 PERCENT UNDECIDED; AND 20 PERCENT REFUSED TO RESPOND. SHOHAT COMPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT LIKUD SPOILERS WERE MAKING CALLS WHICH THEY WERE DESCRIBING AS COMING FROM LABOR.

MEMAD

19. YITZHAK RAFAEL, A FORMER NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY MINISTER AND MK, SAID HE PLANNED TO SUPPORT THE NEW MODERATE RELIGIOUS LIST MEMAD AS THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF RELIGIOUS ZIONISM.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY

20. MEANWHILE, THE NRP WAS FURTHER EMBARRASSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER NRP MK YEHUDA BEN-MEIR FROM HIS PLACE ON THE NRP LIST. (BEN-MEIR WAS NO. 7, WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE WON HIM A PLACE IN THE KNESSET.) BEN-MEIR DEPARTED WITH A BLAST AIMED AT NRP HAWKS SHAKI, PORAT AND SHAPIRA, AND TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WOULD VOTE FOR MEMAD.

21. APPARENTLY STUNG BY CRITICISM THAT IT HAS GONE

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"EXTREMIST," THE NRP INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF MODERATE CLAUSES INTO ITS PLATFORM. WHILE AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SETTLING THE LAND OF ISRAEL, THE PARTY PLEDGED TO "EXAMINE ANY POLITICAL INITIATIVE ON THE AGENDA IN THE ATTEMPT TO FIND EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO PEACE."

CHALLENGES AGAINST VARIOUS PARTIES

22. SHAMIR AND PERES HAVE VOICED SUPPORT FOR NOT ALLOWING "RACIST" PARTIES TO RUN IN THE ELECTIONS. SEVERAL LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE ALREADY STATED THEY WANT TO BLOCK KAHANE'S KACH PARTY FROM RUNNING ON THE LEGAL GROUNDS OF RACISM. THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT HAS ALSO ATTACKED ZE'EVY'S MOLEDET PARTY, WHICH ADVOCATES "TRANSFER," AND CALLED FOR IT TO BE BANNED FROM RUNNING AND FOR LEGAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ZE'EVY FOR VIOLATING THE LAW ON INCITEMENT. THE RIGHTWING TEHIYA PARTY ALSO CALLED FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE NON-ZIONIST PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT REJECTS THE STATE OF

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ISRAEL. IN TURN, THE PLP APPEARS LIKELY TO DEMAND THE DISQUALIFICATION OF TEHIYA AND TZOMET ON THE GROUNDS OF RACISM. (NOTE: THE CENTRAL ELECTIONS BOARD IS NOT LIKELY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.)

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1. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR OKUN, PER INSTRUCTIONS IN REF(A),
MET WITH UNSC PRESIDENT (PRC PERMREP) LI AND PROVIDED
HIM WITH PROPOSED U.S. CHANGES TO DRAFT UNSC
PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REF(C). WE
SUGGESTED, IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONS REF(C),
MODIFICATION OF THE FIFTH (FINAL) PARAGRAPH, WHICH
CONTAINED LANGUAGE MORE APPROPRIATE TO A UNSC
RESOLUTION THAN TO A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.
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AMBASSADOR OKUN ALSO EXPRESSED OUR STRONG DESIRE THAT,
IF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A STATEMENT, THE SC
PRESIDENT SHOULD ISSUE IT TO THE MEDIA RATHER THAN
SEEK ADOPTION OF IT IN A FORMAL SC MEETING.

2. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY, ZAMBIAN DEPUTY PERM REP, ON
BEHALF OF NON-ALIGNED CAUCUS, INDICATED THAT HE

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PREFERRED TO NEGOTIATE REMAINING DIFFERENCES DIRECTLY WITH USUN RATHER THAN TO WORK THROUGH CHINESE PRESIDENT. IN RETURN FOR OUR ACCEPTANCE OF STYLISTIC CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE UK AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORD "CONSEQUENCES" IN PARAGRAPH 3 (AUTHORIZED BY IO/KIRBY-USUN/IMMERMAN AUGUST 24 TELCON), ZAMBIAN OBTAINED NON-ALIGNED AGREEMENT TO ALL OTHER U.S. SUGGESTIONS. TEXT OF AGREED DRAFT STATEMENT FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 4.

3. (U) SECURITY COUNCIL WILL APPROVE DRAFT STATEMENT IN CONSULTATIONS OF THE WHOLE MORNING AUGUST 25 AND SC PRESIDENT WILL THEN CONVEY IT DIRECTLY TO THE MEDIA. THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL SC MEETING ON THE SUBJECT. ISRAELI MISSION HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

4. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF SC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES:

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED BY THE CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1967, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, AND ESPECIALLY BY THE CURRENT GRAVE AND SERIOUS SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE CLOSING-OFF OF AREAS, THE IMPOSITION OF

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CURFEWS, AND THE CONSEQUENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF INJURIES AND DEATHS THAT HAVE OCCURRED.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED BY THE PERSISTENCE OF ISRAEL, THE OCCUPYING POWER, IN CONTINUING ITS POLICY OF DEPORTING PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS IN CONTRAVENTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION, AS DEMONSTRATED ON 17 AUGUST 1988 BY ITS EXPULSION OF FOUR PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS TO LEBANON AND ITS DECISION TO EXPEL 40 MORE. THE MEMBERS REQUEST ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY TO DESIST FROM DEPORTING ANY PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS AND IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE THE SAFE RETURN OF THOSE ALREADY DEPORTED.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, HAS GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ENDEAVOURS TO ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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THEY REAFFIRM THAT THE GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN PERSONS IN TIME OF WAR, OF 12 AUGUST 1949, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1967, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, AND REQUEST THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE CONVENTION.

RECALLING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL KEEP THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, UNDER REVIEW.

END TEXT.

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1. [REDACTED]
2. BOB DILLON TOLD ME AUG 22 THAT HE HAD COME TO ISRAEL TO DISCUSS WITH GOI OFFICIALS UNRWA'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT, AS IS CUSTOMARY EACH YEAR. HE SAID THAT IN A MEETING WITH THE MFA'S DIRECTOR OF IO AFFAIRS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CIVAD, AND A LAWYER FROM MOD, THE ISRAELIS COMPLAINED ABOUT UNRWA'S PROVIDING RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO SOME NEEDY PEOPLE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES, AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY THE INTIFADA. DILLON SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ACTIVITY DOES NOT REPRESENT A LARGE NEW PART OF UNRWA'S PROGRAM, UNRWA BELIEVES IT IS NECESSARY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND SEES NO REASON FOR GOI OBJECTIONS. HE SAID AMONG THOSE ASSISTED ARE RELATIVES OF [REDACTED]
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INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED, ALTHOUGH UNRWA HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED DESIGNATING SUCH PEOPLE AS A CATEGORY FOR ASSISTANCE. DILLON SAID THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS SEEM TO OBJECT MORE TO THE REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE TO NON-REFUGEES

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IN THE DRAFT REPORT THAN TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS TAKING PLACE. HE SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, UNRWA WOULD ADHERE TO A CLEAR DIRECTIVE FROM THE GOI TO REFRAIN FROM THIS ACTIVITY IF THIS WERE ISSUED, SINCE UNRWA REALIZES THAT, LIKE ALL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IT IS ULTIMATELY SUBJECT TO RULES ISSUED BY THE OCCUPYING POWER. DILLON SAID HE WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THE MEETING BY AN UNRWA LAWYER, AN INDIAN, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A VERY SKILLED NEGOTIATOR AND DIPLOMAT.

3. DILLON SAID THE ISRAELIS ALSO OBJECTED TO UNRWA'S PRACTICE OF COLLECTING STATISTICS ON PALESTINIANS KILLED AND WOUNDED DURING THE INTIFADA ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WAS NOT A REFUGEE-RELATED ISSUE THAT FALLS WITHIN UNRWA'S MANDATE.

4. DILLON SAID NOTHING ABOUT OTHER COMPLAINTS AGAINST OFFICERS ADDED TO UNRWA'S STAFF GETTING INTO POLITICS.

5. DILLON DID NOT EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THESE DIFFERENCES WITH THE GOI, AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION THEY COULD BE MANAGED AS OTHER DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.

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6. I SEE NO REASON TO SEND A MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY ABOUT THESE UNRWA-GOI DIFFERENCES, AND DO NOT BELIEVE ANY U.S. INTERVENTION IS NECESSARY. A CERTAIN LEVEL OF TENSION BETWEEN UNRWA AND THE GOI IS CHRONIC. IT HAS INCREASED DURING THE INTIFADA, BUT IT IS NOT SOMETHING BOTH SIDES CANNOT MANAGE.

7. UNRWA IS DEEPLY AWARE OF OUR CONCERN THAT UNRWA AVOID POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT, AND WE BELIEVE IT HAS WORKED HARD TO ADHERE TO THIS PRINCIPLE OVER THE YEARS. UNRWA'S WEST BANK DIRECTOR, BOB HOPKINS, IS A VERY COMPETENT, LOW-KEY INDIVIDUAL WHO UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH UNRWA WORKS AND THE NEED TO AVOID POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, UNRWA STAFFERS OPERATE IN AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, POLITICALLY

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CHARGED ATMOSPHERE. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL THAT THEY
HAVE A POINT OF VIEW ABOUT ISRAELI PRACTICES IN

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THE CAMPS. UNRWA IS DOING A SPLENDID JOB IN THE WEST BANK, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

8. TOM PICKERING WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY AND CAN PROVIDE HIS VIEWS ON UNRWA-GOI RELATIONS AND UNRWA ACTIVITIES IN GAZA.
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1. [REDACTED]
2. SUMMARY: FOR THE THIRD TIME SINCE HIS ARREST, AMCIT RAFIQ DAOUD SARAMEH SOBEH WAS NOT BROUGHT TO COURT BY PRISON OFFICIALS FOR A SCHEDULED TRIAL ON ALLEGED SECURITY OFFENSES IN THE RAMALLAH DISTRICT MILITARY COURT ON AUGUST 22. SOBEH ALSO FAILED TO APPEAR AT A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TRIAL AUGUST 7, WHEN COURT AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES ACKNOWLEDGED LOSING SOBEH IN THE RAPID SHUFFLE OF PRISONERS THROUGH THE ISRAELI PRISON SYSTEM. CONOFF ATTEMPTS TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 22 HEARING WERE REFUSED FOR NEARLY AN HOUR. NONE OF THE PERSONNEL SEEMED WILLING TO APPROVE HIS ADMISSION WHEREAS CONOFF HAVE BEEN READILY ADMITTED IN THE PAST. THE FAILURE TO PRODUCE SOBEH FOR THREE SCHEDULED HEARINGS ATTESTS TO THE BUREAUCRATIC BREAKDOWN IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND FURTHER COMPROMISES

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TO DUE PROCESS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
SINCE THE INTIFADA BEGAN. END SUMMARY.

3. AMCIT RAFIQ DAOUD SARAMEH SOBEH WAS NOT PRESENTED FOR HIS THIRD SCHEDULED TRIAL ON

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MONDAY, AUGUST 22. SOBEH'S ATTORNEY TOLD CONOFF THAT MILITARY PROSECUTORS COULD NOT EXPLAIN THEIR INABILITY TO PRODUCE SOBEH FOR THE HEARING. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MILITARY COURT SYSTEM ON THE WEST BANK, WHO PRESIDED OVER THE CASE, REPORTEDLY OFFERED MILD REBUKE TO THE PROSECUTOR INSISTING THAT SOBEH APPEAR WITHOUT EXCUSES ON SEPTEMBER 7, HIS NEXT AND FOURTH SCHEDULED APPEARANCE. A MOTION BY SOBEH'S ATTORNEY TO RELEASE SOBEH ON BAIL SINCE THE MILITARY HAD FAILED TO PRESENT HIM ON THREE SUCCESSIVE OCCASIONS WAS DENIED.

4. CONOFF WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER THE COURT IN RAMALLAH DURING THE HEARING DESPITE A HISTORY OF ROUTINE ACCESS IN THE PAST AS WELL AS THE PROPER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. ACCESS TO THE COURT IS GOVERNED BY FOUR DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, EACH OF WHICH PASSED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONOFF'S ENTRY TO THE OTHER: THE MILITARY, THE BORDER POLICE, THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE COURT ITSELF. BOTH ON THIS OCCASION AS WELL AS AUGUST 7, ISRAELI OFFICIALS TREATED CONOFF RUDELY, DISREGARDED CONOFF'S PRESENTATION OF CONSULAR CREDENTIALS, AND DENIED REQUESTS THAT SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES ACQUAINTED WITH CONOFF BE CONTACTED. ONLY AFTER DEFENDANTS AND ATTORNEYS HAD CLEARED THE COURTROOM FACILITY

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AND A COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL WHO KNEW CONOFF APPEARED WAS CONOFF ALLOWED INTO THE BUILDING. THIS STANDS IN CONTRAST TO POST'S ACCESS WITHOUT QUESTION TO THE RAMALLAH COURT EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR GENERAL OBSERVATION OF PROCEEDINGS WHERE NO AMCIT INTERESTS WERE AT STAKE.

5. CONOFF ATTENDED AN EARLIER TRIAL DATE OF AUGUST 7 ALSO MISSED BY SOBEH. COURT OFFICIALS RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED THEY COULD NOT DETERMINE IN WHICH PRISON THEY HELD HIM. SINCE MAY 15, THE DATE OF HIS INITIAL DETENTION, SOBEH HAS BEEN HELD AT THE RAMALLAH MILITARY PRISON, ZAHARIYAH MILITARY DETENTION CENTER, ATLIT PRISON, NEAR HAIFA, AND THE MEGIDDO PRISON. SINCE AUGUST 4 SOBEH WAS SHUFFLED BETWEEN ATLIT AND MEGIDDO NO FEWER THAN FOUR TIMES. WHEN CONOFF ASKED THE

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MILITARY PROSECUTOR ON AUGUST 7 HOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF SOBEH MIGHT FINALLY BE DETERMINED HE SUGGESTED THAT ICRC WOULD BE THE BEST LOCATOR SINCE THEIR SYSTEM OF TRACKING OF PRISONERS IS MORE RELIABLE THAN THE ISRAELI'S. CIVAD OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF (REFTEL) THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS AS MANY AS SEVEN THOUSAND PRISONER MOVEMENTS ARE MADE EACH MONTH.

6. THE INEFFICIENCY OF ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF CASES IN THE RAMALLAH COURT WAS FURTHER EVIDENCED ON AUGUST 7 WITH AN INABILITY OF EITHER THE PROSECUTOR, OR THE COURT CLERK TO FIND SOBEH'S CASE RECORDS. THE CLERK'S OFFICE HAD THE CASE MISFILED UNDER A WRONG CASE NUMBER

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WHICH WAS DISCOVERED BY CONOFF WHILE BEING PERMITTED TO EXAMINE THE COURT DOCKET. A HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 1000 WAS DELAYED FIVE HOURS WHILE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO FIND THE PROSECUTOR'S RECORDS ON SOBEH. AFTER THE PROSECUTOR FOUND HIS CASE RECORDS THE TRIAL WAS FURTHER DELAYED ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES WHEN THE PRESIDING JUDGE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HIS COPY OF SOBEH'S CASE RECORDS. ALL OF THIS HAPPENED WITHOUT ANY AWARENESS OF WHETHER THE DEFENDENT WAS EVEN AVAILABLE.

7. COMMENT: SOBEH'S FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR THREE SCHEDULED HEARINGS ATTESTS TO THE GROWING BUREAUCRATIC TANGLES OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY COURT SYSTEM WHICH IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE BECAUSE OF INTIFADA PROSECUTIONS. IT IS ALSO A SIGN OF THE BREAKDOWN OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR KEEPING UP WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY PATTERN OF

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1. SUMMARY: WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE, SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES, AND HEAVY USE OF FIREARMS BY IDF PERSONNEL CONTINUED ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASINGLY TOUGH ISRAELI MEASURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. FOUR PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED AND FORTY-FOUR WERE WOUNDED. A PRISON RIOT ERUPTED AT THE CONTROVERSIAL ANSAR III DETENTION CENTER IN THE NEGEV; TWO PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED BY IDF GUNFIRE, ONE OF WHOM WAS FROM THE WEST BANK. A SECOND PALESTINIAN DIED IN POLICE DETENTION IN A SPAN OF TWO DAYS. HAMAS, AN ISLAMIC GROUP, SUCCEEDED IN ENFORCING A "WILDCAT" STRIKE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WEST BANK AND GAZA ON AUGUST 17. END SUMMARY.

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2. A RIOT BROKE OUT AT THE KETZIOT DETENTION CAMP (ANSAR III) IN THE NEGEV ON AUGUST 16 IN PROTEST AGAINST SEVERE CONDITIONS. IDF GUARDS SHOT AND KILLED IBRAHIM SAMOUDI, 27, FROM AL-YAMOUN, NEAR JENIN. ANOTHER PALESTINIAN FROM GAZA WAS KILLED AND ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

-- ON AUGUST 16, SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED ONE PALESTINIAN DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN TIL VILLAGE, NEAR NABLUS.

-- ON AUGUST 17, IDF TROOPS SHOT AND KILLED RASHA ARQAWI, A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL, IN JENIN. SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED ONE PALESTINIAN IN AZZOUN, NEAR QALQILYA, THREE IN NABLUS AND FIVE IN EIN BET ILMA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, DURING DEMONSTRATIONS.

-- ON AUGUST 18, IDF TROOPS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS IN TAMMOUN, FOUR IN AL-AMARI REFUGEE CAMP NEAR RAMALLAH, AND ONE IN BALATA REFUGEE CAMP NEAR NABLUS, DURING DEMONSTRATIONS. AN ISRAEL BUS DRIVER WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED BY STONES IN HEBRON.

-- ON AUGUST 19, SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED FIVE PALESTINIANS IN ORTAS, NEAR BETHLEHEM AND TWO IN AL-AMARI REFUGEE CAMP NEAR RAMALLAH, DURING CLASHES.

-- ON AUGUST 20, MAS'LOUD HASSAN SALIM ABDULLAH, UNCLASSIFIED

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22, FROM TAMMOUN, NEAR NABLUS, DIED OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS SUSTAINED DURING A CLASH WITH SOLDIERS, ON AUGUST 18. IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED ONE PALESTINIAN, DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN JENIN REFUGEE CAMP

-- ON AUGUST 21, IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED RAJA

HAMDAN MUHAMMAD SAWAFTAH, 17, DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN TUBAS, NEAR NABLUS. ANOTHER PALESTINIAN, AHMAD SHAGHNUBI, 22, WAS SHOT IN THE BACK AND KILLED BY IDF SOLDIERS IN ASKAR REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS AND FIVE OTHERS WERE WOUNDED WHEN THREE ARMED ISRAELI CIVILIANS WALKED INTO THE CAMP AND OPENED FIRE, "WITHOUT PROVOCATION." IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND INJURED SIX PALESTINIANS DURING A DEMONSTRATION IN NABLUS, ONE OTHER WAS BEATEN. IN TULKAREM, SOLDIERS FIRED

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RUBBER BULLETS AT A GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS AND INJURED TWO PALESTINIANS. THREE PASSENGERS, INCLUDING A PALESTINIAN, WERE LIGHTLY INJURED WHEN A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL, THROWN AT AN ISRAELI BUS IN EAST JERUSALEM, FAILED TO IGNITE. AN UNEXPLODED "PIPE BOMB" THROWN AT A TOURIST BUS ON THE JERUSALEM-BETHLEHEM ROAD, SLIGHTLY INJURED ONE PASSENGER.

-- ON AUGUST 22, DURING SEVERAL CLASHES, IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED ONE PALESTINIAN IN QALQILYA, ONE IN NUR SHAMS REFUGEE CAMP NEAR TULKAREM, ONE IN TULKAREM, AND ANOTHER IN AZZAWIYA.

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3. ON AUGUST 16, SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED PALESTINIANS IN THE HEBRON AND BETHLEHEM AREA SUSPECTED OF BELONGING TO TERROR RINGS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL INCIDENTS AND THE MURDER OF AN ARAB POLICEMAN, BEFORE THE INTIFADA.

PALESTINIAN DIES IN POLICE DETENTION

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4. ON AUGUST 16, NABIL MUSTAFA JAMIL IBDAH, 20, OF BEIT HANINA, AN EAST JERUSALEM SUBURB, DIED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PRISON IN WEST JERUSALEM, AFTER BEING ARRESTED ON AUGUST 10. HE WAS THE SECOND PALESTINIAN TO DIE IN PRISON IN TWO DAYS. ON AUGUST 14, ATTA YOUSSEF ARTOUFI, 21, OF KALANDIA CAMP DIED IN AZ-ZAHIRIYEH PRISON, NEAR HEBRON.

DEMOLISHED HOUSES

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5. JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY BULLDOZERS DEMOLISHED FOUR HOUSES, ON AUGUST 16, ALLEGEDLY BUILT WITHOUT PERMITS IN SILWAN, EAST JERUSALEM.

BRIGADE COMMANDER SUSPENDED FOR KILLING PALESTINIAN

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6. ON AUGUST 16, AN IDF BRIGADE COMMANDER WAS RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND FOR KILLING A PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATOR AFTER A HELICOPTER CHASE IN BANI NAIM, LAST MONTH.

GENERAL STRIKE OBSERVED

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7. A GENERAL STRIKE CALLED FOR BY LEAFLET NO. 23 WAS OBSERVED IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA ON AUGUST

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17, DESIGNATED "JERUSALEM DAY" IN SUPPORT OF
SACRIFICES MADE BY EAST JERUSALEMITES. ANOTHER
GENERAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED ON AUGUST 22, TO
PROTEST TAX RAIDS ON ARAB MERCHANTS.

ISLAMIC ACTIVISTS LEAD GENERAL STRIKE ON AUGUST 21

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8. ON AUGUST 21, THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT,
"HAMAS", ENFORCED A GENERAL STRIKE MARKING THE
19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTEMPTED BURNING OF
AL-AQSA MOSQUE. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE ISLAMIC
ACTIVISTS HAVE CARRIED OUT A STRIKE IN THE WEST
BANK THAT CONFLICTED WITH ORDERS IN THE LEAFLET OF
THE INTIFADA'S UNITED LEADERSHIP.

IDF TO EXPEL 15 WEST BANKERS, BANS POPULAR
COMMITTEES

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9. ON AUGUST 17, FOLLOWING THE DEPORTATION OF
FOUR GAZANS, THE IDF ISSUED 25 EXCLUSION ORDERS,
INCLUDING 15 PALESTINIANS FROM THE WEST BANK
(REF A).

-- ON AUGUST 18, THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTRY
FORMALLY OUTLAWED THE "POPULAR COMMITTEES". PAVING
THE WAY FOR POSSIBLE MASS ARRESTS AND MORE
DEPORTATIONS (REF B).

ISRAELI WOMAN MURDERED IN WEST BANK

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10. ON AUGUST 17, ISRAELI POLICE IDENTIFIED A
MURDERED ISRAELI WOMAN AS ZIVA GOLDOVSKY, 18, OF
HOLON, WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN A FIELD NEAR THE WEST
BANK TOWN OF EL-BIREH. GOLDOVSKY WAS KNOWN TO
HAVE HAD A PALESTINIAN BOYFRIEND AND ACQUAINTANCES
IN THE WEST BANK, AND WAS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN

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WEST BANK SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES TO REMAIN CLOSED

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11. ON AUGUST 18, THE CIVAD ANNOUNCED THAT WEST
BANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD NOT OPEN IN SEPTEMBER
AND THAT PRIVATE AND UNRWA SCHOOLS WOULD OPEN ON
OCTOBER 1. THE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED IN LATE JULY
ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE CENTERS OF
DEMONSTRATIONS. UNIVERSITIES WILL REMAIN CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

1024 MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN IN INTIFADA

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12. THE IDF SPOKESMAN SAID AUGUST 18, THAT 1024 MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE THROWN IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA TO AUGUST 8. 258 MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE THROWN IN GAZA STRIP AND 766 IN THE WEST BANK. A 50 PERCENT DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN IN JULY, COMPARED WITH JUNE.

-- ON AUGUST 22, IT WAS REPORTED IN AL-FAJR THAT THE NUMBER OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ROSE FROM 10, AUGUST 7-13, TO 18, AUGUST 14-21.

IDF INTRODUCES PLASTIC BULLETS

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13. ON AUGUST 20, IT WAS REPORTED THAT ISRAELI TROOPS HAVE BEGUN TO USE PLASTIC BULLETS SHOT FROM M-85S THAT LEAVE INDELIBLE INK MARKS ON VICTIMS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

29 DAY CURFEW ON QABATIYA LIFTED AUGUST 20

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14. ON AUGUST 20, THE IDF LIFTED THE CURFEW ON QABATIYA, NEAR JENIN, AFTER THE 29TH DAY.

ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL MINISTER THREATENS TO STOP PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

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15. IN AL-QUDS, AUGUST 23, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELI MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THREATENED TO STOP THE EXPORT OF PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURAL
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PRODUCTS TO JORDAN AND THE EEC IF ISRAEL DISCOVERED THAT ANTI-ISRAEL ELEMENTS SUPERVISED PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS; IN THIS CASE, THE MINISTER SAID ISRAEL WOULD NOT HONOR ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC.

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ISLAMIC RESISTANCE IS MOSTLY SUCCESSFUL

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2. A GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY HAMAS, AN ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, TO COMMEMORATE THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARSON AT THE AL-AQSA MOSQUE WAS WIDELY OBSERVED ON THE WEST BANK AUGUST 21. IN THE GAZA STRIP, THE STRIKE WAS REPORTEDLY ALMOST TOTAL. THE STRIKE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING (UNLU) IN ITS LEAFLET NUMBER 23, WHICH DID CALL FOR "CLASHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS" AUGUST 21 TO MARK THE AL-AQSA FIRE, BUT WHICH SCHEDULED A GENERAL STRIKE FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY, AUGUST 22. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION IN EAST JERUSALEM AND OTHER COMMERCIAL CENTERS AS

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MERCHANTS VARIOUSLY OPENED AT NINE AM AS USUAL, STAYED CLOSED, OR CLOSED BEFORE NOON IN RESPONSE TO ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS OF ISLAMIC RESISTANCE ACTIVISTS. IN NABLUS, WHERE ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS HAVE USED ARSON AGAINST RETAILERS WHO SOLD ALCOHOL, SHOPKEEPERS INITIALLY RESISTED CLOSING BUT THEN COMPLIED. IN RAMALLAH, ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST, ALTERCATIONS BROKE OUT BETWEEN FATAH ACTIVISTS, OPPOSING THE STRIKE AS BEING UNAUTHORIZED, AND ISLAMIC RESISTANCE ENFORCERS. ONE SOURCE SAID MERCHANTS WERE UPSET SINCE THE UNAUTHORIZED STRIKE MEANT TWO

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3. STRIKES MARKING THE AL-AQSA FIRE ANNIVERSARY HAVE OCCURRED IN PAST YEARS, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN AS STRICTLY OBSERVED. A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE TOLD US MERCHANTS ARE MORE AFRAID TO BE THE EXCEPTION THESE DAYS BECAUSE OF INTIFADA SOLIDARITY. EVEN THOUGH THIS ACTION WAS NOT AN AUTHORIZED INTIFADA EVENT THE SAME PRINCIPLE APPLIED. THE SOURCE ALSO ATTRIBUTED THE WIDE COMPLIANCE TO SPECIFIC FEAR OF THE HAMAS. HAMAS, WHICH LITERALLY MEANS ENTHUSIASM OR EXCITEMENT, IS ALS THE ACRONYM FOR HARIKAT AL MUKAWAM ISLAMIYA.

4. COMMENT: HAMAS, BASED ON THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (AL IQWAN AL MUSLIM) IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, IS ONE OF TWO ISLAMIC GROUPS ACTIVE IN THE INTIFADA. HAMAS MEMBERS ARE IDENTIFIED ON THE STREET BY THEIR WHITE CLOTHING, BEARDS AND CLEAN APPEARANCE. THEY

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HAVE BEEN OBSERVED PREACHING ON EAST JERUSALEM BUSES RECENTLY, DRAWING SNEERS FROM SOME PASSENGERS, SILENCE FROM OTHERS. HAMAS' PHILOSOPHY FOR MANY YEARS WAS TO CLEANSE PALESTINIAN SOCIETY OF SECULAR AND NON-ISLAMIC ELEMENTS, RATHER THAN CHALLENGING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. HOWEVER, SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE INTIFADA, IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN ANTI-ISRAEL PROTESTS. IT HAS BEEN MOVED TO A MORE ACTIVE STANCE BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MILITANT FUNDAMENTALIST AL JIHAD AL ISLAMI, THE OTHER MAJOR GROUP HERE, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED IN ANTI-ISRAEL PROTESTS. WE EXPECT THE UNLU IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS WILDCAT BID FOR INFLUENCE. SINCE THE STRIKE WAS TIED SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1969 ARSON, AN UNDENIABLY "ISLAMIC" GRIEVANCE ALREADY CITED BY UNLU AS WORTHY OF COMMEMORATION, THE ARGUMENT IS OVER THE MANNER, NOT THE FACT, OF THE OBSERVANCE. WHILE THIS DOES NOT AMOUNT TO A MAJOR CHALLENGE OF THE UNLU'S PRIMACY, IT DOES ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT THAT MAY BE TESTED FURTHER.

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2. I WANT TO STRONGLY SECOND TOM PICKERING'S CAUTIONARY REMARKS ABOUT SECDEF TRAVEL TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND URGE THAT NO SUCH PLANS BE INCLUDED IN HIS AGENDA. AS WELL AS BEING A DEPARTURE FROM OUR POLICY WHICH WE WANT TO PRESERVE, ANY SECDEF CONTACT WITH THE WEST BANK AND GAZA OR IDF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE IDF'S MISSION IN SUPPRESSING THE INTIFADA COULD PROVOKE STRONG A STRONG ANTI-U.S. REACTION AMONG THE PALESTINIANS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE REGULARLY THE OBJECT OF SPURIOUS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE U.S. IS FUNDING IDF ACTIVITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO SUPPRESS THE INTIFADA, AND THAT WE HAVE INCREASED OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE. AT A TIME WHEN THE IDF IS INVOLVED IN MANY ACTIVITIES WHICH, BY OUR

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STANDARDS, ARE CLEAR AND SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SECDEF SHOULD AVOID ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD INCREASE FALSE ALLEGATIONS OF SUPPORT BY THE U.S. FOR THESE PRACTICES.
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HIGHLIGHTS

-- MUBARAK STATES THAT ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS UPHELD ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO EGYPT AND EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT ISRAEL WILL COMPLY WITH THE TABA ARBITRATION JUDGMENT.

-- ARAFAT'S POLITICAL ADVISOR HANI AL-HASSAN SAYS PALESTINIAN PLANNING WILL CAUSE A "PRACTICAL COLLAPSE" OF ZIONIST IDEOLOGY.

-- JIMMY CARTER MEETS HANI AL-HASSAN IN CAIRO.

-- USAID TO PROVIDE CAIRO AIRPORT WITH SECURITY EQUIPMENT.

-- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD REPORTS EGYPT AND SOME GULF COUNTRIES MIGHT GRANT THE US MILITARY FACILITIES IN RETURN FOR AID AND ARMS.

-- AL-WAFD REPORTS MUBARAK INSTRUCTED PRIME MINISTER SEDKY NOT TO RAISE PRICES OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES.-
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1. STATEMENTS BY MUBARAK. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 19 HIGHLIGHT MUBARAK'S STATEMENTS TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE NDP YOUTH MOVEMENT. ALL PAPERS QUOTE MUBARAK AS SAYING "I DON'T THINK THAT ISRAEL WOULD STALL ABOUT COMPLYING WITH THE TABA VERDICT IF IT IS IN FAVOR OF EGYPT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT ISRAEL WILL OBSERVE ITS OBLIGATIONS; IT HAS NEVER BREACHED ITS TREATIES." MUBARAK STRESSED THAT PEACE IS THE GUARANTEE OF STABILITY IN THE REGION, ADDING THAT IF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE WANT TO RAISE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING THEY SHOULD ABANDON WARS, DIVISION, AND TERRORISM. ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT

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SHARON'S STATEMENTS REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF PARTS OF THE WEST BANK, MUBARAK SAID, "SHARON HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS; LET HIM THINK THE WAY HE WANTS. THERE ARE ALSO SOME WHO CALL FOR A COUNTRY (GREATER ISRAEL) FROM THE NILE TO THE EUPHRATES. I BELIEVE THERE ARE PEACE-LOVING FORCES IN ISRAEL; PEACE FOR ISRAEL IS BETTER THAN WAR, AND I SUPPORT ALL THE FORCES IN ISRAEL THAT ADVOCATE PEACE." MUBARAK AFFIRMED THAT THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV HAD EXTENDED ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS UNDER THE OCCUPATION, FOR EXAMPLE BY BUILDING HOSPITALS. MUBARAK CALLED UPON THE PLO TO ISSUE A BALANCED POLITICAL STATEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. MUBARAK EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT A STATEMENT BY AN ARAB OFFICIAL IN WHICH THE LATTER REJECTED ISRAEL AND THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AND CALLED FOR AN ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL. ON EGYPT'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, MUBARAK EMPHASIZED THAT EGYPT

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FOREIGN COUNTRY, ADDING THAT EGYPT REJECTS THAT ITS TERRITORIES BE USED FOR AGGRESSION ON ANOTHER COUNTRY. "WE HAVE BALANCED RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE US ARE SPECIAL WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF ANY DEMANDS ON OUR SOVEREIGNTY OR WILL. WE ALSO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE USSR."

2. STATEMENTS BY ARAFAT. AHAM AUGUST 20 QUOTES ARAFAT AS SAYING THAT EGYPT'S RETURN TO THE ARAB FOLD HAS PUT AN END TO SYRIA'S CONTROL OVER THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION. ARAFAT ADDED THAT THE SYRIAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE IDEA OF FORMING A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE WAS AIMED AT COVERING UP THE SUSPICIOUS DEALS CONCLUDED BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE US IN LEBANON AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ARAB NATION. ARAFAT FURTHER ATTACKED SYRIA'S CAMP MASSACRES AND ITS STAND ON THE GULF WAR. ARAFAT ADDRESSED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY SAYING THAT ESTABLISHING A PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH US INTERESTS.

3. INTERVIEW WITH ARAFAT'S ADVISOR. IN AN INTERVIEW TO

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AHRAM AUGUST 19, ARAFAT'S POLITICAL ADVISOR HANI AL-HASSAN SAID THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT ANNEX THE WEST BANK AND GAZA NOT ONLY BECAUSE THERE ARE RACISTS IN ISRAEL WHO WANT THIS AREA TO BE PURELY JEWISH BUT ALSO BECAUSE THIS WOULD GIVE EGYPT THE RIGHT TO RENOUNCE SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PEACE TREATY. THE US WANTS THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED AT THE CURRENT STAGE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY ANNEXATION OR BY IMPOSITION OF A POLITICAL FORMULA ON THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AL-HASSAN ADDED THAT CAREFULNESS AND PLANNING ON THE PART OF THE PALESTINIANS WOULD ACHIEVE SUPERIORITY OVER ISRAEL AND WOULD CAUSE A "PRACTICAL COLLAPSE" OF ZIONIST IDEOLOGY.

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PAPERS AUGUST 21 REPORT THAT FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER MET WITH HANI AL-HASSAN DURING HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO CAIRO. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN CAIRO SAID KAMAL.

PAPERS AUGUST 19 REPORT THAT MEMBER OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ABU MAZIN STATED THAT EGYPT HAD REJECTED A SEPARATE SOLUTION TO THE GAZA ISSUE BECAUSE SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. ABU MAZIN ADDED THAT MUBARAK TOLD HIM THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A MEETING BETWEEN MURPHY AND PALESTINIAN PERSONALITIES AND THAT AMBASSADOR WISNER HAD INFORMED MUBARAK THAT MURPHY WOULD MEET WITH A PALESTINIAN DELEGATION BUT MURPHY RETRACTED HIS DECISION. IN THE SAME ITEM, GUMHOURIYYA QUOTES FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID AS STATING THAT EGYPT REJECTS ISRAELI ANNEXATION OF THE WEST BANK NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS A PALESTINIAN TERRITORY BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE IMPOSITION OF SOLUTIONS BY FORCE WOULD NOT LEAD TO RESOLVING THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

4. EGYPT/JORDAN. AKHBAR EL-YOM AUGUST 20 REPORTS KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN WILL VISIT EGYPT IN SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES WITH MUBARAK.

5. EGYPT/MOROCCO. GUMHOURIYYA AUGUST 21 REPORTS KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO WILL VISIT EGYPT IN NOVEMBER AS A RETURN VISIT FOR MUBARAK'S VISIT TO MOROCCO EARLY THIS YEAR.

6. EGYPT/ISRAEL. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 19 REPORTS STATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUTROS GHALI ANNOUNCED EGYPT'S CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL'S CONTINUED POLICY OF REPRESSION, EXPULSION, AND DETENTION AGAINST THE

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PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. GHALI DESCRIBED THE ISRAELI PRACTICES
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AS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND AN OBSTACLE TO
THE PEACE PROCESS.

7. EGYPT/US. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 20 REPORT MFA FIRST
UNDERSECRETARY OSAMA AL-BAZ RECEIVED SECRETARY SHULTZ AT
CAIRO AIRPORT. IN A VERBAL MESSAGE DELIVERED BY SHULTZ TO
MUBARAK, PRESIDENT REAGAN EMPHASIZED THE US COMMITMENT TO
GIVING IMPETUS TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND BOOSTING EGYPT'S
DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

ALL PAPERS AUGUST 19 REPORT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH
AID TO PROVIDE CAIRO AIRPORT WITH SECURITY EQUIPMENT
THROUGH A GRANT OF DOLLARS 5.2 MILLION. PAPERS NOTE THAT
AMBASSADOR WISNER AND AID DIRECTOR BROWN DISCUSSED WITH
TOURISM MINISTER FOUAD SULTAN THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING
EQUIPMENT FOR A HOSPITAL IN SHARM EL-SHEIKH FOR DIVERS.
SEPARATELY, AKHBAR AUGUST 19 REPORTS THE PRESIDENT OF
AL-AZHAR UNIVERSITY LEFT FOR THE US FOR TEN-DAY VISIT.
AHRAM AUGUST 20 REPORTS USAID AGREED TO EARMARK DOLLARS 20
MILLION AS A GRANT TO DEVELOP AND MODERNIZE IRRIGATION IN
15,000 FEDDANS IN ASWAN. SEPARATELY, AHRAM REPORTS THAT
THE US AND JAPAN WILL PROVIDE LE 44 MILLION TO RENEW WATER
NETWORKS IN 11 GOVERNORATES. AKHBAR EL-YOM AUGUST 20
REPORTS THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT USAID WILL EXTEND
A GRANT OF DOLLARS 50 MILLION TO FINANCE ELECTRICITY
NETWORKS IN ALEXANDRIA.

AKHBAR EL-YOM'S EDITOR IN CHIEF IBRAHIM SA'DA WRITES FROM
PARIS AUGUST 20 ABOUT THE EUROPEAN CONCERN OVER THE US
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. SA'DA NOTES THAT EUROPEAN PUBLIC
OPINION SUPPORTS DUKAKIS OVER BUSH BECAUSE OF A SENSE THAT
THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT PAID SUFFICIENT
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ATTENTION TO EUROPEAN CONCERNS. THE ARTICLE FURTHER NOTES THAT THROUGHOUT THE PAST WEEKS, THE US ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN QUIET AND BORING AND DUKAKIS HAS TAKEN A SOLID LEAD. HOWEVER, WHEN BUSH ANNOUNCED HIS CHOICE OF DAN QUAYLE AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, INTEREST IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN GREW BECAUSE QUAYLE GIVES THE BUSH CAMPAIGN SOME OF THE SAME STRENGTHS AS DUKAKIS, I.E. YOUTH AND IMPULSIVENESS.

8. EGYPT/USSR. AKHBAR AUGUST 19 REPORTS FM ABDEL MEGUID CONFERRED WITH THE SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN CAIRO ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

GUMHOURIYYA'S EDITORIALIST HASSAN SHUKRY AUGUST 19 WRITES THAT THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE REGION COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A GREATER ROLE BY THE SOVIETS. THE EDITORIALIST EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES EXPECT THE USSR TO CHANGE ITS PRESENT ROLE AND BE A PRINCIPAL PARTNER IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI "EQUATION" IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AND GUARANTEE JUSTICE AND PEACE.

9. EGYPT/BULGARIA. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 20 REPORT AN EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY SPEAKER AHMAD MUSA WILL VISIT SOFIA SEPTEMBER 10 FOR ONE WEEK.

10. EGYPT/POLAND. AHRAM AUGUST 20 REPORTS EGYPT AND POLAND SIGNED A PROTOCOL FOR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND TRADE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, ELECTRICITY, HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION, RAILWAY, AND MARITIME TRANSPORT. THE PROTOCOL INCLUDES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE FREE ZONES IN EGYPT AND

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INCREASING "UNCONVENTIONAL" EXPORTS TO POLAND.
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11. EC ASSISTANCE. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 20 REPORT THE EC AGREED TO EXTEND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF 3 MILLION EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNITS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES WORKING IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY.
12. EGYPT/NORTH KOREA. AKHBAR EL-YOM AUGUST 20 REPORTS

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AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL WILL BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK IN CAIRO DURING THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO START AUGUST 25 FOR FIVE DAYS. NORTH KOREA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE.

13. EGYPT/PAKISTAN. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 19 REPORT AN EGYPTIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID LEFT FOR ISLAMABAD TO ATTEND THE STATE FUNERAL FOR PAKISTANI PRESIDENT ZIA.

14. EGYPT/SAUDI ARABIA. GUMHOURIYYA AUGUST 20 QUOTES A SAUDI OFFICIAL AS STATING THAT KING FAHD'S VISIT TO EGYPT IS DEFINITE AND THAT THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER IT IS SET.

15. PETROLEUM PRICES. AL-AHRAM REPORTED THAT THE EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXPORT PRICE OF PETROLEUM INCREASED BY DOLLARS 1.40 PER BARREL STARTING TODAY AND FOR A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS.

DOMESTIC NEWS

16. CRITICISM OF THE OPPOSITION. AHRAM'S EDITOR IN CHIEF IBRAHIM NAFEI AUGUST 19 CRITICIZES THE OPPOSITION PARTIES FOR THEIR OBJECTION TO THE EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY LAW
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ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE APPLICATION OF DEMOCRACY. NAFEI REFERS TO THE RECENT JAILBREAK OF JIHAD MEMBERS AND THEIR PLANS TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST OPERATIONS AND WRITES THAT EGYPT'S SECURITY AND STABILITY WOULD NOT BE MAINTAINED IF ORDINARY LAWS WERE APPLIED.

17. RELIGIOUS STATEMENTS. AKHBAR AUGUST 19 REPORTS THE MINISTER OF AWQAF AND THE MUFTI OF THE REPUBLIC ANNOUNCED THEIR READINESS FOR A PUBLIC DEBATE WITH LEADERS OF AL-JIHAD ORGANIZATION ABOUT RELIGIOUS MATTERS. THEY NOTED THAT AL-JIHAD HAD ASKED THEM TO RESIGN WITHOUT ANY DIALOGUE OR DISCUSSION. THE MUFTI ASSERTED THAT EGYPT HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO A FEROCIOUS CAMPAIGN AIMED AT DESTROYING THE YOUTH.

18. ECONOMIC POLICY. WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT PRIME MINISTER SEDKY WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH THE ECONOMIC GROUP

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TO DISCUSS THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE INTEREST RATE ON SAVINGS BY 2-3 PER CENT. (AL-WAFD AUGUST 20 NOTES THAT THERE IS A DIVISION INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT OVER THIS PROPOSAL). SEPARATELY, PAPERS REPORT THAT REMITTANCES OF EGYPTIAN EXPATRIATES ARE EXPECTED TO REACH DOLLARS 7.15 BILLION THIS YEAR. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ALLOCATE 60 PER CENT OF BANK DEPOSITS FOR LOANS TO PRODUCTIVE PROJECTS BY THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. IN ANOTHER SEPARATE ITEM, AKHBAR EL-YOM AUGUST 20 REPORTS THAT A NEW SYSTEM WILL BE APPLIED ALLOWING WORKERS AT PRIVATE SECTOR AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES TO OWN SHARES IN THE COMPANIES' CAPITAL. THE GOVERNMENT HAS EARMARKED LE 100 MILLION AS LOANS TO THE COMPANIES WISHING TO APPLY THIS SYSTEM.

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REPORTEDLY, EIGHT COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED
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REQUESTS TO OBTAIN LOANS.

19. AGRICULTURAL POLICY. PAPERS AUGUST 20 REPORT
AGRICULTURE MINISTER WALLY ISSUED A DECREE ALLOWING
FARMERS TO DELIVER CORN OPTIONALLY AND RAISING THE PRICE
OF CORN DELIVERY TO LE 45 PER BUSHEL. AS FOR WHEAT,
PRODUCTION THIS YEAR IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 30.3
MILLION TONS, WHICH IS 700,000 TONS MORE THAN LAST YEAR.
AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 FEDDANS WILL BE PLANTED WITH WHEAT
NEXT YEAR IN ORDER TO STEP UP PRODUCTIVITY TO 30.5 MILLION
TONS.

20. MUBARAK/NDP YOUTH. IN HIS MEETING WITH THE NDP
YOUTH, MUBARAK ANNOUNCED THAT 35,000 FEDDANS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO THE YOUTH IN OCTOBER FOR CULTIVATION AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL PROJECTS. MUBARAK AFFIRMED THAT
THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING "UNCONVENTIONAL" SOLUTIONS
TO THE ISSUES OF PRICE INCREASES AND HOUSING. MUBARAK
SPOKE ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY THE GOVERNMENT IS FACING IN
APPOINTING GRADUATES AND CALLED UPON THE YOUTH NOT TO WAIT
FOR A GOVERNMENT JOB BECAUSE IT PAYS VERY LITTLE. MUBARAK
EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES' CALL FOR
FORMING A COALITION GOVERNMENT, ADDING THAT "THEY FORGET

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ABOUT THE DEMOCRACY THE COUNTRY IS ENJOYING." ALL PAPERS
AUGUST 21 HIGHLIGHT THAT MUBARAK WILL DISTRIBUTE 90,000
LAND TITLE DEEDS IN SEPTEMBER TO FARMERS.

21. OBJECTION TO FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY. ALL PAPERS
AUGUST 21 REPORT THE POLITICAL PARTIES COMMITTEE ISSUED A
DECREE OBJECTING TO THE FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY CALLED
"YOUNG EGYPT."

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22. ISLAMIC INVESTMENT COMPANIES EXECUTIVE REGULATION.
AL AKHBAR REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER ATEF SEDKY WILL
HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY YOUSSEF
MOUSTAFA TO DISCUSS THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE LAW.

23. TV NEWS. NEWS ITEMS ON TV AUGUST 20 WERE AS FOLLOWS:
ABDEL MEGUID HEADS DELEGATION TO ATTEND PAKISTANI
PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL; IRAN-IRAQ CEASE-FIRE IN EFFECT;
DEMONSTRATIONS IN GHAZA; PNC MEETING IN TUNIS; KING
HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO ABU DHABI; CHOLERA CASES IN SUDAN; US
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

24. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE FOR AUGUST 21: USD 1 EQUALS PT
230.0 (BUYING) AND PT 230.6 (SELLING).

OPPOSITION NEWS

25. MILITARY FACILITIES TO THE US. AL-WAFD AUGUST 19
REPORTS THAT THE US IS CURRENTLY CONTACTING EGYPT AND SOME
GULF COUNTRIES TO REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS GRANTING THE
US MILITARY FACILITIES AS A MEANS OF GIVING THE US
ADMINISTRATION THE ABILITY TO CONFRONT ANY CONGRESSIONAL
OBJECTION TO INCREASING MILITARY AID AND PROVIDING ARAB
COUNTRIES WITH CERTAIN KINDS OF ARMS. EGYPTIAN-GULF
CONTACTS ARE BEING HELD TO ASSESS THE US REQUEST AND ADOPT
A UNIFIED STAND TOWARDS IT.

26. INSTRUCTIONS BY MUBARAK. AL-WAFD AUGUST 20 REPORTS
MUBARAK HAS RECENTLY GIVEN STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO PRIME

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PRICES OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES AND ABOLISHING
SUBSIDIES DUE TO THE CURRENT SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND
SECURITY CIRCUMSTANCES. MUBARAK UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY
OF REJECTING THE IMF DEMANDS FOR INCREASING THE PRICES OF
BREAD, WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND TRANSPORT.

27. EGYPT/ISRAEL. SAWT AL-ARAB AUGUST 21 REPORTS THE MFA
SUMMONED THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO AND INFORMED HIM
THAT AN ISRAELI DIPLOMAT AND HIS WIFE WERE ACCUSED OF
SHOP-LIFTING AUGUST 16 AT A SUPERMARKET IN GIZA. THE
ISRAELI SUPPOSEDLY INSULTED THE POLICE AFTER THEY ARRESTED
HIM.

28. EGYPT/US. SAWT AL-ARAB NOTES THAT A US EMBASSY
REPORT INDICATED THAT EGYPT IS SUFFERING A TRADE DEFICIT
WITH THE US AMOUNTING TO 1.7 BILLION DOLLARS.

29. ISLAMIC GROUP WARNING. AL-WAFD AUGUST 21 REPORTS THE
ISLAMIC GAMAAT IN THE AREA OF AIN SHAMS, WHERE THE RECENT
POLICE-ISLAMIC GAMAAT DISTURBANCES TOOK PLACE, ADDRESSED A
WARNING TO THE INTERIOR MINISTER AGAINST HIS USING
REPRESSION AND THREATENED TO ESCALATE TENSIONS
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2. AUGUST 18, AIDE TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES COORDINATOR, COL. RON KRUMER TOLD US THE FOUR DEPORTEES FROM GAZA WERE THE LAST OF THE JULY DEPORTEES (A TOTAL OF 8). THESE FOUR HAD CHOSEN TO INTERRUPT THEIR APPEALS TO THE MILITARY COMMISSION, AND FOREGO APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT. THEY WERE DEPORTED THROUGH MARJAYUN TO THE BEKAA VALLEY IN LEBANON YESTERDAY, AUGUST 17.
3. KRUMER AND ICRC SOURCES AGREE THAT, WITH THESE FOUR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS DEPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 1987 IS 33. (THIS FIGURE INCLUDED MUBARAK AWAD, WHOSE DEPORTATION WAS OSTENSIBLY FOR OVERSTAYING HIS VISA).
4. ICRC SOURCE TOLD US AUGUST 18 THAT GOI HAD
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NOT/NOT INFORMED THE ICRC OF THE DEPORTATIONS THIS TIME. USUALLY, THE ICRC ATTEMPTS, ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TO FACILITATE A "LAST MEETING" BETWEEN DEPORTEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. ICRC CLAIMS THAT FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, PALESTINIANS FROM

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GAZA HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THESE LAST MEETINGS. ICRC HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE TO FACILITATE WEST BANK DEPORTEE LAST MEETINGS WITH FAMILIES.

EXPULSION ORDERS ISSUED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 25

5. KRUMER CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GOI HAS ISSUED ORDERS TO DEPORT AN ADDITIONAL 25 PALESTINIANS: 15 FROM THE WEST BANK, AND 10 FROM GAZA. ALL 25 HAVE REQUESTED AN APPEAL TO THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

6. THE MILITARY COMMISSION REVIEWS THE APPEALS, SAID KRUMER, AND THEN SUBMITS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE LOCAL COMMANDER AS TO WHETHER THE DEPORTATIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. THE COMMANDER HAS THE DISCRETION REGARDING TIMING FOR THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION. HENCE, SOME DEPORTATIONS ARE EFFECTED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND SOME COULD TAKE WEEKS. IN ALL CASES, SAID KRUMER, THE DEPORTEES ARE PERMITTED TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES FOR A LAST TIME, ARE ISSUED SOME FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, CLOTHES, AND A BIT OF POCKET MONEY. THE DEPORTEES ARE THEN DRIVEN OR FLOWN TO THEIR DESTINATIONS (USUALLY LEBANON AND LIKELY TO BE INCREASINGLY LEBANON, GIVEN JORDAN'S
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DISENGAGEMENT ACTIONS, SPECULATED KRUMER).

DETENTION RIOT IN QETZIOT

7. KRUMER SAID GENERAL MORDECHAI WAS INVESTIGATING THE RIOT AUGUST 16 AT THE SINGLE LARGEST ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION CENTER, LOCATED AT QETZIOT IN THE SOUTHERN NEGEV. NEARLY ONE THOUSAND OF THE APPROXIMATELY 2800 DETAINEES ENGAGED IN THE RIOT. HE NOTED THAT THE RIOT OCCURED DURING A RED CROSS VISITING DAY, BUT SAID HE WOULD NOT WANT TO IMPLY THAT THE RED CROSS VISIT CONTRIBUTED TO THE RIOT. KRUMER SAID THE PRESS REPORTS WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON PALESTINIAN SOURCES AND COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

8. ICRC SOURCE SAID ISRAELI PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE

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QETZIOT RIOT WERE MISLEADING AND "UNFAIR" TO THE ICRC. THE REPORTS WERE IMPLYING THAT RED CROSS PRESENCE IN THE DETENTION CENTER SOMEHOW ENCOURAGED THE RIOT WHICH RESULTED IN TWO DEAD. ANY MAKESHIFT FACILITY HANDLING SO MANY ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES WAS BOUND TO HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS IN PROVIDING PROPER SANITATION CONDITIONS, ETC. THE ICRC FOUND OFFENSIVE THAT DETAINEE COMPLAINTS OF THE CONDITIONS WERE BEING TIED IN ANY WAY TO ICRC PRESENCE. ICRC TEL AVIV STAFF HOPED HEADQUARTERS WOULD PERMIT THEM TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO GOI "INUENDO."
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INTIFADA

1. SUMMARY. A CONFERENCE ON THE UPRISING IN
THE TERRITORIES SPONSORED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S
TRUMAN INSTITUTE AND THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
OF B'NAI B'RITH AUGUST 17 FEATURED AN ADDRESS BY
DEFMIN RABIN WHO SAID THE INTIFADA WAS ANOTHER
ATTEMPT TO DESTROY ISRAEL AND PROMISED TO CRACK
DOWN ON PALESTINIAN POPULAR COMMITTEES. THERE
WERE ALSO PANELISTS FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL
SPECTRUM. EXCEPT FOR BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ, NO
PALESTINIANS WERE EVIDENT IN THE AUDIENCE. END
SUMMARY.

2. RABIN ASSERTED THAT THE INTIFADA REPRESENTS
THE THIRD MEANS, AFTER WAR AND TERRORISM, BY
WHICH THE ARABS HAVE SOUGHT ISRAEL'S
DESTRUCTION. HE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE

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SOLUTION TO THE INTIFADA MUST BE POLITICAL,
PENDING A POLITICAL SOLUTION THE IDF WOULD MEET
VIOLENCE WITH FORCE, WITHIN LEGAL LIMITS.
FINALLY, HE PROMISED A CAMPAIGN TO IDENTIFY AND
NEUTRALIZE THE LEADERS OF THE PALESTINIAN

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POPULAR COMMITTEES ACTIVE IN MOST WEST BANK TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

3. THE PRECEDING PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURED PANELISTS FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, FROM ISRAELI-ARAB SCHOLAR SHUKRI ABED TO LIKUD MP DAN MERIDOR. OF INTEREST WERE REMARKS BY YONAH ALEXANDER, OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, WHO CALLED THE INTIFADA A FORM OF LOW LEVEL TERRORISM. YEHUDA BLUM, OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY, CLAIMED THAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW ISRAEL HAS A MORE VALID CLAIM THAN EITHER JORDAN OR A PLO "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE" TO THE WEST BANK. GENERAL EPHRAIM SNEH, FORMER CIVAD HEAD, BLAMED LIKUD'S OPPOSITION TO THE LAND FOR PEACE FORMULA FOR THE FEELINGS OF DESPERATION THAT TRIGGERED THE INTIFADA; HE ALSO SAID THE PLO HAD NOT YET PROVED THAT IT HAD CHANGED ITS POLICY TOWARD THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL.

4. THE ONLY PALESTINIAN WE NOTED IN THE AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 300 WAS BETHLEHEM MAYOR ELIAS FREIJ. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTHER PALESTINIAN INVITEES BOYCOTTED THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF RABIN'S PRESENCE. THE CONFERENCE WAS ALSO HELD ON A STRIKE DAY, WHICH WOULD HAVE DISCOURAGED ATTENDANCE BY ARABS FROM THE WEST BANK.

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5. COMMENT. RABIN'S THREAT TO ROOT OUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE POPULAR COMMITTEES COINCIDED WITH THE DEPORTATION OF FOUR GAZANS AND EXPULSION ORDERS FOR 25 MORE PALESTINIANS FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. RABIN WAS CLEAR THAT, ABSENT A POLITICAL ACCOMODATION WITH THE PALESTINIANS, THE IDF WOULD CONTINUE ITS CURRENT POLICY OF MEETING VIOLENCE WITH FORCE. THIS MESSAGE SEEMED WELL RECEIVED BY THE AUDIENCE, WHICH CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF YOUNG, ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE AND OTHER JEWS OF WESTERN--PRIMARILY U.S.--ORIGIN. END COMMENT. WILCOX

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1. SUMMARY: MOSHE AMIRAV, FORMER MEMBER OF THE
LIKUD WHO WAS EXPELLED FOR MEETING WITH
PALESTINIAN ACTIVIST FEISAL HUSSEINI LAST YEAR,
HAS AGAIN ADVOCATED TALKS WITH THE PLO AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. AMIRAV
EARLIER SPOKE OUT PUBLICLY ALONG THESE LINES AT
A PEACE NOW MEETING IN WEST JERUSALEM, JULY 27,
AT WHICH HE SHARED THE PODIUM WITH FEISAL
HUSSEINI AND REDWAN ABU AYYASH. HUSSEINI, WHO
CALLED FOR PEACE WITH ISRAEL AND A TWO-STATE
SOLUTION VIA MUTUAL RECOGNITION, WAS PLACED IN
ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION SEVERAL DAYS LATER.
AMIRAV'S RECENT COMMENTS WHICH INCLUDE ACERBIC
REMARKS THAT BOTH LIKUD AND LABOR HAVE FAILED TO
FACE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE SQUARELY, APPEARED IN
THE PRESS RECENTLY. END SUMMARY.
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2. IN A MEETING OF THE "END THE OCCUPATION
MOVEMENT" IN JERUSALEM AUGUST 10, AMIRAV CALLED
ON ISRAELIS TO "DISABUSE OURSELVES OF DELUSIONS"

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AND TO ADMIT "THE BASIC TRUTH THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISIONS ON OUR FUTURE TOGETHER WITH THE PALESTINIANS." HE CALLED FEISAL HUSSEINI A "COURAGEOUS MAN WILLING TO SAY THINGS THAT ARE TABOO" IN PALESTINIAN POLITICAL CULTURE. HE ADDED "IF ONLY WE HAD MORE ISRAELIS WHO WERE WILLING TO SAY AND THINK SIMILAR FORBIDDEN THINGS -- THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD NOT MEAN THE END OF ISRAEL."

3. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE JERUSALEM POST AUGUST 12, AMIRAV SAID EVENTS ARE HEADING TOWARD THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE AND THAT THIS EVOLUTION STARTED WHEN BEGIN SIGNED THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. HE SAID BEGIN UNDERSTOOD THAT ISRAELI LAW COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, BECAUSE OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM. "BEGIN WAS A DEMOCRAT AND UNDERSTOOD. SHAMIR IS A LEHI (PRE-STATE UNDERGROUND "STERN GROUP") -- HE HAS NO PRINCIPLES. BUT OTHERS IN THE LIKUD, LIKE ARENS AND MERIDOR, KNOW THAT THEY HAVE TO GIVE THE PALESTINIANS VOTING RIGHTS IF WE ANNEX ..." AMIRAV SAID THAT LIKUD'S REJOICING OVER KING HUSSEIN'S DECISION TO DISENGAGE FROM THE WEST BANK IS "IDIOCY, BECAUSE ONLY THROUGH HUSSEIN DID ISRAEL HAVE A CHANCE OF HOLDING ON TO THE WEST BANK." CONTINUING HIS CRITIQUE OF THE LIKUD, HE SAID, "THEY ARE IN FOR A NASTY SHOCK, BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO

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TALK TO THE PLO SOONER THAN THEY KNOW. HUSSEIN'S MOVE WAS FINAL AND ESSENTIAL. IT WAS VERY MUCH EXPECTED AND FORESEEN. SINCE 1974 THERE HAS BEEN A PROCESS OF DECREASING JORDANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE TERRITORIES AND INCREASING PLO RESPONSIBILITY THERE."

4. AMIRAV SAID THAT SHAMIR KNEW, FROM AMIRAV'S EARLIER CONTACTS WITH FEISAL HUSSEINI, THAT HUSSEINI HAD MADE CLEAR THE PLO'S READINESS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. "SHAMIR IS LYING TO THE PUBLIC WHEN HE SAYS THAT THE INTIFADA'S INTENTION IS TO DESTROY THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IT IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN STATE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA."

5. AMIRAV CONCLUDED, "ONCE WE USED TO INITIATE,

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TO LEAD. TODAY WE'RE DRAGGED ALONG BY EVENTS,
STUNNED AND PUZZLED. ISRAEL'S LEADERSHIP WAS
ACTUALLY SURPRISED WHEN THE INTIFADA BROKE OUT.
HUSSEIN MAKES A SPEECH AND EVERYONE TRIES TO
IGNORE IT. LABOR IS TEN YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES
AND THE LIKUD IS TOO BLOCKHEADED TO SEE WHAT IS
HAPPENING."
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1. (U) SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TRANSMITTED TO ALL SC MEMBERS AFTERNOON AUGUST 18 TEXT OF DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON LATEST ISRAELI ACTIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PREPARED BY SC NON-ALIGNED CAUCUS (TEXT IN PARA 4). PRESIDENT HAS CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS OF THE WHOLE FOR AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 19 TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF STATEMENT AND HAS ASKED THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH IT TO CONVEY THEIR OBJECTIONS TO HIM MORNING OF AUGUST 19.

2. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR OKUN WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH SC
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PRESIDENT MORNING AUGUST 19 AND, BASED ON TALKING POINTS TRANSMITTED REF. B, WILL TELL HIM THAT U.S. DOES NOT FAVOR ANY SC ACTION OF ANY KIND ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SC PRESIDENT WILL REPLY THAT ALL OTHER SC MEMBERS FAVOR A STATEMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID A FORMAL MEETING AND A CONTENTIOUS DEBATE.

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3. [REDACTED] WHEN USUN POLMINCOUNS PASSED COPY OF DRAFT STATEMENT TO ISRAELI ACTING PERMREP BEIN, LATTER INDICATED THAT, IDEALLY, ISRAEL ALSO WOULD PREFER NO ACTION ON THE MATTER. HE SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT IF CHOICE BOILED DOWN TO EITHER A STATEMENT ADOPTED WITHOUT DEBATE OR A CONTENTIOUS DEBATE LEADING TO A RESOLUTION, GOI WOULD PROBABLY OPT FOR A STATEMENT. THE PRESENT TEXT, HOWEVER, CONTAINED CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US AGAIN MORNING OF AUGUST 19.

4. (U) DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL--BEGIN TEXT:

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED AND ALARMED BY THE CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1967, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, ESPECIALLY THE CURRENT GRAVE AND SERIOUS SITUATION OF CLOSING-OFF AREAS, IMPOSING CURFEWS, AND THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS BEATEN, INJURED AND KILLED BY THE ISRAELI FORCES OF OCCUPATION.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED BY THE INSISTENCE OF ISRAEL, THE OCCUPYING

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POWER, TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF DEPORTING PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS IN DEFIANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION, AS DEMONSTRATED ON 17 AUGUST 1988 BY ITS EXPULSION OF FOUR PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS AND ITS DECISION TO EXPEL 25 MORE. THE MEMBERS REQUEST ISRAEL TO IMMEDIATELY DESIST FROM DEPORTING ANY PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS AND TO IMMEDIATELY ENSURE THE SAFE RETURN OF THOSE ALREADY DEPORTED.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDER THAT THE CURRENT REGRETTABLE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF ISRAEL, THE OCCUPYING POWER, AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ENDEAVOURS TO ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY THEREFORE STRONGLY DEPLORE THOSE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF ISRAEL.

THEY REAFFIRM THAT THE GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN PERSONS IN TIME OF WAR, OF 12

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AUGUST 1949, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1967, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, AND REQUEST THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE CONVENTION.

RECALLING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 605, 607 AND 608, THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDE TO KEEP THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, UNDER REVIEW AND REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT PERIODICALLY ON THE CURRENT SITUATION.

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PROMOTES PLO INFLUENCE. WE BELIEVE THIS CONCERN IS EXAGGERATED. SUPPORT FOR THE PLO IS ALREADY PERVASIVE, BUT THIS DOES NOT THREATEN ISRAEL'S PHYSICAL CONTROL. WE DOUBT THE NEW MOVES WILL SUPPRESS THE INTIFADA.

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3. THE GOI'S CRACKDOWN ON "POPULAR COMMITTEES" IN THE TERRITORIES, WITH THE ISSUING OF DEPORTATION ORDERS AGAINST AS MANY AS 40 PALESTINIANS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF STRICT MEASURES AGAINST MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE COMMITTEES, RAISES FEARS HERE OF LARGE SCALE ARRESTS AND FURTHER DEPORTATIONS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE NEW ORDER, PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S BAN GOES BEYOND MEMBERSHIP IN A POPULAR COMMITTEE TO ENCOMPASS ANYONE PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR SERVICE TO A COMMITTEE, ATTENDING A COMMITTEE MEETING, OR POSSESSING COMMITTEE LITERATURE. IN THE CONTEXT OF TODAY'S BROAD-BASED SUPPORT FOR THE INTIFADA AND THE ALMOST UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE UNIFIED NATIONAL COMMAND/PLO'S CALLS FOR STRIKE DAYS AND OTHER ACTIONS, THIS ORDER COULD POTENTIALLY BE APPLIED IN A SWEEPING MANNER.

4. THE NEW ORDERS ALSO APPARENTLY BROADEN THE SCOPE OF WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED A "POPULAR COMMITTEE" AND FURTHER SHIFT THE FOCUS TOWARD SUPPRESSION OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES THAT THE GOI INTERPRETS AS HOSTILE TO ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION. ISRAEL'S FEAR THAT THE PLO WILL FILL THE "VACUUM" CREATED BY WITHDRAWAL OF

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JORDANIAN SUPPORT FOR SOME PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE CATALYST FOR THIS MOVE. A BROAD ARRAY OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS, NOT JUST THOSE FORMERLY SUPPORTED BY JORDAN, ARE NOW VULNERABLE TO PRESSURE AND/OR SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT BY THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES.

5. DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN UNDERLINED THE NEW POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FOCUS OF THE GOI'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE COMMITTEES WHEN HE SAID THE COMMITTEES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE UPRISING." FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT THE GOI CONSIDERS THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS, ANTI-OCCUPATION PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP AND ALTERNATIVE PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS A SUBVERSIVE THREAT NO LESS SERIOUS

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THAN VIOLENCE.

6. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THE GOI EXAGGERATES THE PERVASIVENESS OF POPULAR COMMITTEES AND THEIR ROLE IN SUSTAINING THE INTIFADA. WHILE SOME SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS HAVE SPRUNG UP WHICH IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS INSTRUMENTS OF THE INTIFADA, THE PALESTINIANS ARE NOT ON THE VERGE OF ESTABLISHING THE KIND OF ALTERNATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE THE GOI FEARS AS THE VEHICLE FOR PLO CONTROL OF THE TERRITORIES. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE NEW ORDER WILL BE USED AS A MEANS OF INTIMIDATION AND PUNISHMENT OF

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INDIVIDUALS WHO OPPOSE THE OCCUPATION BUT WHO ARE NOT INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES THAT THREATEN SECURITY OR PUBLIC ORDER. WE DOUBT THAT THIS FURTHER EFFORT TO CONTROL POLITICAL EXPRESSION AND ACTIVITY WILL SUCCEED IN DAMPENING THE INTIFADA. AS LONG AS THE INTIFADA COMMANDS SUCH WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT, REPRESSIVE MEASURES AIMED AT SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE UNABLE TO QUELL IT. END COMMENT.

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1. [REDACTED]
 2. SUMMARY THE PALESTINIAN PEACE OFFENSIVE, LAUNCHED WITH BASAM ABU SHARIF'S OFFER OF PEACE THROUGH MUTUAL RECOGNITION, IS HEADING INTO TROUBLED WATERS. A CONTROVERSIAL NEW MOVE IS THE SURFACING OF THE CONCEPT OF A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. THE IDEA WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER PNC, AND HAS BEEN ENDORSED EVEN BY PLO HARD-LINER ABU IYAD. IT EMBODIES THE TWO STATE MUTUAL RECOGNITION
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APPROACH, AND WOULD PUT ASIDE THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT. IT IS DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE ISRAEL AND THE WORLD TO SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS TO DEFINE BORDERS AND RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AN ALREADY DECLARED PALESTINIAN STATE. THE IDEA

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THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD DECLARE SELF DETERMINATION UNILATERALLY IS AUDACIOUS, BUT PROBLEMATIC, TO SAY THE LEAST. AS NOW DEFINED, IT IS PROBABLY FATALLY FLAWED BY TAKING RESOLUTION 181 AND THE 1947 UN PARTITION LINE, RATHER THAN 242 AND THE 1949 BOUNDARIES, AS THE BASELINE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS ALREADY BEING DENOUNCED IN ISRAEL. IF ADOPTED IN THIS FORM, IT WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ISRAELI RIGHT AND WEAKEN ISRAELI DOVES, AND IT WOULD NOT COMMAND WIDE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. UNLESS THE PLO CAN OVERCOME ITS INTERNAL DIVISIONS AND RESHAPE THIS INITIATIVE AS A COMPELLING CHALLENGE TO ISRAEL, FOR EXAMPLE BY SQUARELY ACCEPTING ISRAEL, 242, 338, AND ENDING VIOLENCE AND THE INTIFADA, SUCH A SYMBOLIC DECLARATION OF PALESTINIAN INDEPENDENCE AND A DISEMBODIED GOVERNMENT IN EXILE COULD BE AN OBSTACLE, NOT STIMULUS TO THE PEACE PROCESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NEW POLITICAL FERMENT IN THE PLO, SPURRED BY THE INTIFADA AND HUSSEIN'S DISENGAGEMENT, AND THE INCREASED WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE AND NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL, IS A GOOD THING. THE SITUATION IS STILL FLUID, AND WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE POSITIVE TRENDS IN PALESTINIAN THINKING, WHICH ARE MOVING TOWARD RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL, WHILE INSISTING ON GREATER REALISM. END SUMMARY.

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THE PEACEFUL SIDE OF THE INTIFADA

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3. WEST BANK AND GAZANS HAVE BEEN GROPING FOR A WAY TO TRANSLATE THE UNITY AND CONFIDENCE CREATED BY THE INTIFADA INTO AN EFFECTIVE POLITICAL PROGRAM. THE DOMINANT PRO-FATAH LEADERSHIP HERE EAGERLY GRASPED THE ABU SHARIF INITIATIVE AS A LONG OVERDUE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT BOTH ISRAEL AND PALESTINIANS NEED SECURITY AND NATIONAL IDENTITY. BUT BECAUSE THE HARD-LINE PFLP AND DFLP COULD NOT ENDORSE ABU SHARIF'S STATEMENT, IT WAS NOT EMBRACED IN INTIFADA LEAFLETS, AND AN EFFORT FOR A GROUP PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT BY LOCAL LEADERS FELL THROUGH (REF A). NEVERTHELESS, THE PRO-FATAH PEACE CAMP HERE CONTINUES TO PROMOTE MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO STATES. FEISAL

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HUSSEINI ARTICULATED THIS VIEW WHEN HE TOLD A
PEACE NOW RALLY IN JULY THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD
ABANDON THEIR TERRITORIAL "DREAMS" IN FAVOR OF A
REALISTIC TWO STATE PEACE AND THAT THE
PALESTINIAN COVENANT HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED.
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/GOVERNMENT IN EXILE
IDEA SURFACES

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4. THE NEXT PHASE IN THE PALESTINIAN PEACE
STRATEGY, THE IDEA OF A DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE AND GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS GIVEN NEW LIFE
BY THE INTIFADA. AS EARLY AS JANUARY,
PALESTINIANS HERE BEGAN TO DISCUSS THIS AS THE

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"UNILATERAL AUTONOMY" THROUGH CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
AND CREATION OF AN ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATION OF
"POPULAR COMMITTEES." THE IDEA GOT A FURTHER
BOOST FROM AMERICAN PEACE ACTIVIST, JEROME
SEGAL. BIR ZEIT PROFESSOR SARI NUSSEIBEH, WHO
SUPPORTS THE IDEA IN PRINCIPLE AND IS RUMORED TO
HAVE WRITTEN THE DRAFT DECLARATION SEIZED FROM
FEISAL HUSSEINI'S OFFICE, TOLD US THAT EXPOSURE
OF THE PLAN WAS UNFORTUNATE SINCE THE TIME IS
NOT RIPE. NEVERTHELESS, THE LEAK HAS PERSUADED
PALESTINIANS HERE TO TREAT THE DECLARATION AS A
CONCRETE INITIATIVE. THE PLO, APPARENTLY
BELIEVING HE COULD NOT RESIST THIS INITIATIVE
FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, HAS ALSO ACCEPTED
IT, IN PRINCIPLE. ARAFAT ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLO

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IS WEIGHING THE DECLARATION/EXILE STATE CONCEPT
AND WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE PNC NEXT MONTH, AND
THERE ARE REPORTS THAT HE WILL FIRST ANNOUNCE IT
AT AN EC MEETING IN STRASBOURG. SUPPORT FROM
PFLP LEADER GEORGE HABASH, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY
OPPOSED A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE BECAUSE IT OPTS
FOR A POLITICAL PROCESS INSTEAD OF ARMED
STRUGGLE, GAVE FURTHER IMPETUS TO THE CONCEPT.
A STATEMENT BY THE PLO'S UN REPRESENTATIVE TERZI
THAT THE NEW PLO GOVERNMENT WOULD SEEK ENTRY TO
THE UN HAS ADDED TO THE EXCITEMENT AND CONFUSION.

ABU IYAD HINTS AT DROPPING PLO COVENANT

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5. DEBATE ABOUT A PALESTINIAN PEACE STRATEGY
HAS BEEN FURTHER ENLIVENED BY ABU IYAD'S CALL
FOR MUTUAL ISRAEL-PLO RECOGNITION AND A
PALESTINIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BASED UPON A
POLITICAL PROGRAM "WHOLLY DIFFERENT FROM THE
PLO'S NATIONAL COVENANT." SPEAKING IN TUNIS TO
THE FRENCH JOURNAL DIMANCHE AUGUST 15, ABU IYAD
REPORTEDLY SAID "I AM READY TO START THE
DIALOGUE WITH ISRAEL...IT'S BIZARRE, FOR 25
YEARS, THE ARABS HAVE REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT
PEACE WITH ISRAEL, AND NOW IT IS ISRAEL WHICH

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SAYS 'NO'." HE CONTINUED "MY SOLUTION FOR PEACE IS A PALESTINIAN STATE, A DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISH THE BORDERS OF THAT STATE, AND THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE." ABU IYAD'S COMMENTS ARE EXTRAORDINARY, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF HIS PREVIOUS HARD LINE VIEWS AND HIS RECENT CRITICISM OF THE ABU SHARIF

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STATEMENT.

ELEMENTS OF THE "FEISAL HUSSEINI" DRAFT
DECLARATION

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6. THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION SEIZED FROM FEISAL HUSSEINI'S ARAB STUDIES CENTER (SEE REF B FOR FULL TEXT) ARE:

-- ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE WITHIN THE 1947 PARTITION BOUNDARIES SET BY UNSC RESOLUTION 181;

-- AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT LED BY ARAFAT, WITH KHADDOUMI AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND INCLUDING THE PFLP'S HABASH AND THE DFLP'S HAWATMEH; A PARLIAMENT WOULD BE FORMED, 50 PERCENT OF WHOSE MEMBERS WOULD BE FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;

-- AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE BODY TO GOVERN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BASED ON AUTONOMOUS PALESTINIAN STRUCTURES CREATED DURING THE INTIFADA;

-- AN AGGRESSIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE NEW STATE;

-- APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATION FROM THE INSIDE AND THE DIASPORA TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "THE FINAL BORDERS BETWEEN THE PALESTINIAN STATE AND ISRAEL," AND, INTER ALIA, OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS, WATER, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WEST

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RETURN OR TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

WEST BANK VIEWS: CHALLENGE TO THE PLO, DOUBTS
ABOUT TIMING

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7. PRO FATAH WEST BANKERS SUPPORT THIS
APPROACH, IN PRINCIPLE, AS A UNILATERAL ACT OF
SELF-DETERMINATION TO ESTABLISH A STATE, WHICH
RECOGNIZES ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND CALLS FOR A
NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO ALL OTHER ISSUES,
INCLUDING BOUNDARIES. THEY BELIEVE JORDAN'S
DISENGAGEMENT MEANS THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE IS
NOW THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUED ISRAELI
OCCUPATION. THEY HOPE A UNILATERAL DECLARATION

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WOULD BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE, GALVANIZE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, AND EVENTUALLY CONVINCE ISRAEL TO ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS PREMISED ON THE TWO-STATE APPROACH. THEY VIEW THIS INITIATIVE, AS EXPRESSED IN THE DRAFT DOCUMENT, AS A WAY OF "MOVING FROM THE PHASE OF CLASHES ON THE BATTLEFRONT TO THE STAGE OF POLITICAL INITIATIVE" AND TO PROVE THAT PALESTINIANS "DO NOT DESIRE THE ANNIHILATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. RAJHER THAY WISH TO LIVE PEACEFULLY AS ITS NEIGHBOR."

8. WEST BANKERS ALSO SEE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/EXILE GOVERNMENT AS A WAY OF PRESSING THE PLO TO HEAL ITS DIVISIONS AND ACT DECISIVELY. AL-FAJR EDITOR HANNA SINIORA TOLD US THE INITIATIVE PROVES THAT THE INTIFADA HAS STRENGTHENED THE INFLUENCE OF PALESTINIANS IN THE TERRITORIES AND THAT THE DECLARATION WILL FORCE THE PLO TO REACT POSITIVELY. SARI NUSSEIBEH AGREES THAT THE INITIATIVE WOULD PUT PRESSURE ON THE PLO TO PERFORM. HE TOLD AL-FAJR ON AUGUST 14 THAT HE "DISTRUSTED THE THESIS THAT PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAVE IN GENERAL PLAYED THE ROLE OF OBEDIENT SOLDIERS TO THE PLO LEADERSHIP." ACADEMICIAN MAHDI ABDEL-HADI HAS DESCRIBED TO US THE CHALLENGE TO THE PLO EVEN MORE SHARPLY. WHEN WE ASKED HIM IF PEOPLE ON THE INSIDE THOUGHT ARAFAT AND HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD PERFORM EFFECTIVELY AS LEADERS OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, HE SAID THE "CREAM WILL RISE TO THE TOP AND WILL THEN BE SKIMMED OFF," SUGGESTING THAT IF THE PLO LEADERSHIP

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FAILS THIS TEST, IT WOULD BE REPLACED.

9. NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR SUPPORT, IN PRINCIPLE, FOR THE CONCEPT, NUSSEIBEH AND SOME OTHERS HERE ARE WORRIED THAT THE WHOLE CONCEPT IS PREMATURE. NUSSEIBEH ACKNOWLEDGED TO US THAT WHATEVER THE THEORY, PALESTINIANS IN THE TERRITORIES WOULD PLAY NO ROLE IN SUCH A

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GOVERNMENT, SINCE THE INTIFADA HAS NOT YET PRODUCED THE ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATION IT ASPIRES TO. IN HIS AL-FAJR INTERVIEW AUGUST 14, HE SAID, "WE DO NOT WANT A GOVERNMENT FLOATING IN A SPACESHIP...WE WANT TO CONNECT OURSELVES INSTITUTIONALLY TO OUR LEADERSHIP." IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS KIND OF REALISM WILL PERSUADE PALESTINIANS HERE TO URGE THE PNC NOT TO GO ALL THE WAY IN DECLARING A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IT IS CALLED A "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE," OR A "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT," AS SOME ADVOCATE. THEY MUST ALSO REALIZE THAT IF SUCH A GOVERNMENT WERE ESTABLISHED, LOCAL PALESTINIANS WHO ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH IT WOULD FACE A HEIGHTENED THREAT OF DEPORTATION OR DETENTION.

10. CONSERVATIVE WEST BANK POLITICIANS ARE DEEPLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF UNILATERAL ACTION, GIVEN PALESTINIAN DIVISIONS AND THE CONTINUED CONTROL OF THE ISRAELIS ON THE GROUND IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BETHLEHEM MAYOR ELIAS FREIJ BELIEVES THE CONCEPT IS MERE POSTURING. HE TOLD US HE IS SENDING ARAFAT A MESSAGE URGING HIM TO "APPEAR BEFORE THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, ACCEPT ALL THE AMERICAN CONDITIONS, AND PROPOSE A NEW UNSC PEACE

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11. THE U.S. AND MOST WESTERN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALWAYS APPROACHED THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE AS A MATTER WHOSE OUTCOME CANNOT BE ORDAINED UNILATERALLY IN ADVANCE BY PALESTINIANS OR ISRAEL, BUT DECIDED BY ALL THE PARTIES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. TO ENDORSE A PALESTINIAN STATE, EVEN IF THE CONCEPT WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S., AND EVEN IF THE PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED IN A BENIGN AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY, WHICH THE CURRENT CONCEPT IS NOT, BEFORE THE PALESTINIANS REACH AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, WOULD BE A RADICAL LEAP FOR THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. IT

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WOULD PROBABLY ALSO VIOLATE OUR CAMP DAVID TREATY UNDERTAKINGS.

12. A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND GOVERNMENT IN EXILE WOULD BE REJECTED BY MOST ISRAELIS, GIVEN THEIR DEEP FEAR OF A PALESTINIAN STATE, NOT TO MENTION OPPOSITION ON THE RIGHT TO ANY TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE. WORSE YET, USING OF THE 1947 PARTITION BOUNDARIES BY THE PALESTINIANS AS A BASELINE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THEREBY DISMISSING RESOLUTION 242 AS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE, WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR EVEN THE MOST DOVISH ISRAELIS TO TAKE SUCH AN INITIATIVE SERIOUSLY. BRIG. GEN. (RET) BAR-ON, A LEADING PEACE NOW ACTIVIST, HAS TOLD US THAT MANY ISRAELI DOVES ARE DESOLATE THAT THE DRAFT

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DECLARATION CALLS FOR THE 1947 BASELINE, EVEN
THOUGH IT ALSO CALLS FOR NEGOTIATING THE
ULTIMATE BOUNDARIES.

13. OUR PALESTINIAN CONTACTS ARGUE THAT THE
OPENING ISRAELI NEGOTIATING POSITION OFFER WILL
BE NO LAND OR ONLY PART OF THE TERRITORIES, A LA
THE ALLON PLAN. THUS, THEY SAY PALESTINIANS
MUST START WITH THE '47 BOUNDARIES FOR
NEGOTIATING PURPOSES, KNOWING WELL THAT THE
ULTIMATE LINE WILL BE DRAWN FAR TO THE EAST.
THEY ALSO ARGUE THAT 181, NOT 242, MUST BE THEIR
POINT OF DEPARTURE SINCE IT ADOPTS A TWO-STATE
SOLUTION AND 242 TREATS PALESTINIANS ONLY AS
REFUGEES. THESE ARGUMENTS IGNORE THE POWERFUL
EMOTIONAL OPPOSITION THIS EVOKES IN ISRAEL, AND
THE BEDROCK U.S. AND WESTERN COMMITMENT TO
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RESOLUTION 242.

14. THE USE OF THE 1947 BASELINE IN THE CURRENT
CONCEPT IS BASED, NOT JUST ON BARGAINING
CONSIDERATIONS, BUT ON THE NEED TO DRAW IN THE
PLO HARDLINER, INCLUDING ABU IYAD, HABASH AND
HAWATMEH. IN ANY CASE, RESURRECTING THE 1947
PARTITION PLAN, WHICH THE ARABS ORIGINALLY
REJECTED, AND STAKING A CLAIM TO THE GALILEE AND
JAFFA, PROBABLY FATALLY CRIPPLES AN INITIATIVE
WHICH IS ALREADY HIGHLY PROBLEMATIC. EVEN
JEROME SEGAL, WHO WILL VISIT ISRAEL NEXT WEEK,
HAS TOLD THE PRESS THAT USING THE 1947 PARTITION
AS A BASELINE WAS A TACTICAL ERROR THAT WOULD
UNDERMINE THE PALESTINIAN POSITION.

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15. IN ITS CURRENT STATE, THE PALESTINIAN
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/GOVERNMENT IN EXILE
INITIATIVE WOULD SERIOUSLY MUDDY THE WATERS. IT
WOULD BE A STEP BACK IN THE PEACE PROCESS, SINCE
IT CONFRONTS THE APPROACH LONG PURSUED BY THE
U.S., ISRAELI MODERATES AND THE EUROPEANS OF
NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON 242 LEADING, VIA
TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS, TO A FINAL STATUS TO BE
DETERMINED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. IN ITS CURRENT
FORM, IT WOULD ALSO FURTHER HARDEN ISRAELI

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OPINION AND, PERHAPS, INCREASE SUPPORT FOR
SCHEMES SUCH AS SHARON'S CALL FOR ANNEXING THE
ALLON PLAN AREAS. FOR THESE REASONS, SOME
ANALYSTS, SUCH AS HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S MATTI
STEINBERG, THINK THAT IF THE PNC ACTS ON THIS

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INITIATIVE AT ALL, IT WILL DROP REFERENCES TO
THE 1947 BOUNDARIES.

16. IF THE PALESTINIANS RESHAPED THIS PROPOSAL
IN A WAY THAT CLEARLY ABOLISHES THE PALESTINIAN
CONVENANT, ACCEPTS ISRAEL AND 242 AS THE
BASELINE, FORESWEARS VIOLENCE, PROMISES TO END

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THE INTIFADA, AND MAKES CLEAR THAT EVERYTHING IS
NEGOTIABLE, THE INITIATIVE MIGHT PUT A NEW FACE
ON THE PEACE PROCESS BY CLEARLY
BREAKING THE MOLD OF PLO REJECTION AND PROVIDING
A CATHARSIS FOR ISRAELIS. IT WILL BE VERY HARD
FOR THE PLO TO DO THIS, BASED ON PAST
EXPERIENCE. INDEED, EVEN PLO SUPPORT FOR THE
PRINCIPLE OF RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL, WHICH IS
EMBODIED IN THE CURRENT INITIATIVE, IS HARDLY

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ASSURED. (GEORGE HABASH, ALTHOUGH HE SUPPORTS A
GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, HAS REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED
ABU IYAD'S OFFER TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND TO DROP
THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT AS GIVING CONCESSIONS
TO ISRAEL "FOR FREE.")

17. EVEN THOUGH THE DECLARATION/EXILE STATE
CONCEPT, IN ITS CURRENT FORM, IS GRAVELY FLAWED
AND THE ENTIRE PROCESS IS PROBLEMATIC, THE
DEBATE OVER IT REPRESENTS A GREATER WILLINGNESS
IN PLO THINKING TO ACKNOWLEDGE ISRAEL'S
EXISTENCE AND THE NEED TO NEGOTIATE WITH IT. IN
THIS RESPECT, IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT THE PLO,
UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE MORE PRAGMATIC
PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IS
THINKING MORE CREATIVELY ABOUT A POLITICAL
AGENDA DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE ISRAEL AND MOVE THE
PEACE PROCESS FORWARD, AND TO QUESTION THE
ORTHODOXY OF THE PAST. AS YOEL MARCUS OF
HA'ARETZ SAID IN HIS AUGUST 9 COLUMN, "THIS
CHICKEN IS NOT YET HATCHED; IT LIES IN
INCUBATION IN SOME DRAWER, AND SERVES AS AN
INDICATION THAT THE GAME INVOLVES NUMEROUS
PLAYERS EACH OF WHOM HAS PUT ALL HIS EGGS IN ONE
BASKET" ... "YET THE ENTIRE 'BASKET' POINTS TO
THE AGONIZED BIRTH PANGS OF A PROCESS THAT WILL
EVENTUALLY LEAD UP TO SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT AND
COMPROMISE WITH ISRAEL. ONLY A BLIND MAN COULD
FAIL TO SEE THAT THINGS ARE ON THE MOVE."

WHAT SHOULD THE U.S. DO?

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18. GIVEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SEPTEMBER PNC COULD BE A WATERSHED IN PLO POLICY, WE SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO INFLUENCE IT. AS THE MEETING APPROACHES, WE CAN DO SO BY ACKNOWLEDGING AND ENCOURAGING POSITIVE TRENDS IN PALESTINIAN THINKING AND INSISTING ON REALISM.
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2. SUMMARY: UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) PRESIDENT LI
(CHINA) AUGUST 16 INFORMED THE FOUR OTHER PERMANENT
MEMBERS THAT HE HAD MET WITH AND RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
THE PLO OBSERVER PROTESTING LATEST ISRAELI MEASURES IN
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. LI URGED IMMEDIATE UNSC
ACTION, IN THE FORM OF A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT, DRAWING
ATTENTION TO ISRAELI "PRACTICES" AND CALLING ON ISRAEL TO
ABIDE BY THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. END SUMMARY

3. PLO COMMUNICATION: DURING CONSULTATIONS CONVENED TO
CONSIDER A CHEMICAL WARFARE RESOLUTION, SECURITY COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT LI (CHINESE PERMREP) INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE FOUR OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
A LETTER FROM PLO OBSERVER TERZI. TERZI, WHO ALSO MET

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WITH LI, REQUESTED UNSC ACTION CALLING ATTENTION TO RECENT ISRAELI MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND URGING ISRAEL TO RESPECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. TERZI HAD NOT INDICATED WHETHER THE PLO WOULD INSIST ON A RESOLUTION OR WOULD BE SATISFIED BY A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. TEXT OF THE LETTER IS IN PARA 8.

4. PRESIDENT'S VIEW: LI CHARACTERIZED THE PLO REQUEST AS "REALISTIC", GIVEN THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. LI SAID THAT GAZA HAD BEEN COMPLETELY SEALED OFF AND THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD KILLED THREE PALESTINIANS AND INJURED 28. LI ALSO SAID THAT WHEN HE DISCUSSED THE LETTER WITH THE SYG, THE SYG LATER HAD ASKED HIM TO CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. LI INDICATED THAT CHINA FAVORED A UNSC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WHICH WOULD CONTAIN TWO POINTS: (A) DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND (B) URGING ISRAEL, AS THE OCCUPYING POWER, TO ABIDE BY THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. LI WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A STATEMENT, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO CALL FOR A UNSC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE MATTER.

5. UK REP INDICATED THAT A STATEMENT SEEMED APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. AMBASSADOR OKUN CAUTIONED LI THAT USUN WOULD NEED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON BEFORE PROVIDING A U.S. REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION. ALTHOUGH NEITHER THE FRENCH NOR RUSSIANS SPOKE, WE ASSUME THEY ALSO ARE AGREEABLE TO A STATEMENT.

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6. AMBASSADOR OKUN BRIEFED ISRAELI ACTING PERMREP BEIN ON THESE CONSULTATIONS. BEIN WILL MEET SC PRESIDENT AUGUST 17.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. TEXT OF PLO LETTER:

15 AUGUST 1988

H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
THE UNITED NATIONS
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EXCELLENCY,

I AM INSTRUCTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES IS EXTREMELY GRAVE AND CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS REPRESENTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN BANNED FROM ENTERING THE GAZA AREA. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COLD-BLOODED KILLING OF UNARMED PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES. THE ISRAELI MILITARY HAS SEALED OFF SEVERAL AREAS, AND IMPOSED CURFEWS ON QABATIAH (NEAR NABLUS) AND DHEISHEH PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP (NEAR BETHLEHEM), AND OTHER PALESTINIAN TOWNS AND VILLAGES. THE CURFEWS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT FOR MANY DAYS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN NO ACCESS TO WATER WELLS AND SPRINGS, ELECTRICITY CUTS, AND THE ISRAELI ARMY IS CARRYING OUT

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THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CALLS UPON THE UNITED NATIONS TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY BY ADDRESSING THE UNDER-LYING CAUSES, NAMELY, ISRAELI OCCUPATION, BUT IN THE INTERIM TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE UNDER OCCUPATION, AND TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ZUHDI LABIB TERZI
PERMANENT OBSERVER

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2. SUMMARY: TWO AND A HALF MONTHS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS, LIKUD AND LABOR SOURCES TELL US THEY FEEL THEY ARE RUNNING NECK AND NECK. BUT LIKUD CONTINUES TO REFLECT OPTIMISM THAT IT IS A WINNER RIDING A POSITIVE TREND, WHILE LABOR IS DISPIRITED. THE SMALLER PARTIES ARE STEPPING UP THEIR PUBLICITY EFFORTS, BUT THE CAMPAIGN WILL NOT REALLY GO INTO HIGH GEAR UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER AFTER THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS, WHICH IS WHEN TELEVISION ADVERTISING BEGINS. THE LATEST ROUND OF PERSONAL POPULARITY POLLS ARE CONTRADICTORY. END SUMMARY.
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ASSESSMENTS

3. LIKUD CAMPAIGN INFORMATION DIRECTOR RONI MILO AND LABOR CAMPAIGN RESEARCH DIRECTOR YOSSIE BEILIN BOTH

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TOLD US THIS WEEK THEY SENSED LIKUD AND LABOR WERE RUNNING NECK AND NECK AT THIS POINT, WITH THE ELECTION TO BE DECIDED BY THE "FLOATING VOTERS."

4. BUT MILO FELT LIKUD WAS RIDING A POSITIVE TREND, WHICH HE BELIEVED COULD GIVE IT THE OPTIONS OF ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT LED BY SHAMIR (HIS PREFERENCE) OR EVEN A NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION. BEILIN'S GOAL, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS MORE LIMITED. HE HOPED FOR A "BLOCKING MAJORITY" (OF LABOR, THE LEFT, AND THE NON-ZIONIST PARTIES) WHICH WOULD PREVENT BOTH A NARROW LIKUD-LED COALITION AND LIKUD HAVING THE EDGE IN THE FORMATION OF ANOTHER NUG ON ITS TERMS. UNDER THIS SCENARIO, LABOR WOULD SEEK TO FORM ITS OWN NARROW COALITION WITH THE SMALL LEFT ZIONIST PARTIES, SHAS AND AGUDAT YISRAEL. (HE DOUBTED LABOR COULD BRING THE NRP INTO A COALITION.) BEILIN BASED HIS ANALYSIS ON A HIGH ISRAELI ARAB VOTER TURNOUT (DUE TO THE "INTIFADA") WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE "BLOCKING MAJORITY" AGAINST LIKUD.

5. BUT HISTADRUT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION "NAAMAT" SEC GEN. MASHA LUBELSKY, A SENIOR LABOR PARTY FIGURE, DID NOT BUY THE POLL RESULTS SHOWING LABOR AND LIKUD TIED. SHE WAS CONCERNED LIKUD HAD THE EDGE AND LABOR MIGHT BE UNABLE TO CATCH UP. SHE WAS DISTURBED THAT LABOR LACKED FIGHTING SPIRIT AND SEEMED "TIRED."

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ISSUES

6. SHAMIR IS USING HUSSEIN'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE TERRITORIES AND THE LEAKED FAISAL HUSSEINI DRAFT PALESTINIAN "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE" TO UNDERCUT LABOR'S LINE THAT THERE IS A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN PARTNER FOR NEGOTIATIONS. RATHER, ACCORDING TO SHAMIR, THE HUSSEINI DOCUMENT DEMONSTRATES THE ARAB THREAT TO ELIMINATE ISRAEL.

7. PERES, MEANWHILE, HAS SHIFTED HIS PITCH AND IS STARTING TO PUT EMPHASIS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH A PALESTINIAN AS WELL AS JORDANIAN DELEGATION, SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER. LABOR PLANS TO PUT THIS NEW LINE INTO ITS PLATFORM.

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8. LABOR AND LIKUD HAVE AGREED TO LIMIT PRESS CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY AT LEAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1. THE SMALL PARTIES, HOWEVER, ARE GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE. TEHIYA ADS MAKE CLEAR IT WOULD KNOW HOW TO PUT DOWN THE "INTIFADA." THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY IS PLAYING UP JEWISH EDUCATION AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS. MAPAM IS TRYING TO CONVINCE VOTERS TO OPT FOR IT "THIS TIME." (MAPAM IS RUNNING INDEPENDENTLY FROM LABOR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS.)

9. THE PARTIES ARE ALSO TRYING OUT THEIR SLOGANS. LIKUD, FOR EXAMPLE, IS USING "THE HOPE OF THE LABOR PARTY AND PERES IS TO BE A NATION FREE OF OUR COUNTRY (I.E., THE WEST BANK AND GAZA). THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT IS USING "THE FACTS POINT TO CRM."

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10. AT AN AUGUST 11 TRAINING DAY FOR ACTIVISTS, CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR ARENS FOCUSED ON LIKUD AS THE PARTY OF PEACE, WITH ITS PROGRAM THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. HE POINTED TO HUSSEIN'S ACTIONS AS SHOWING THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A JORDANIAN OPTION. HE ATTACKED LABOR FOR "LOSING" TABA, SUGGESTED LIKUD WOULD BRING BACK THE LAVI PROJECT, CALLED FOR RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMY, AND DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM. DEPUTY CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR KATZAV SAID THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE LAST 21 YEARS SHOWED LIKUD HAD BEEN RIGHT ALL ALONG; THAT TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE WAS NEVER AN OPTION; AND THAT LABOR HAD TURNED RADICAL-DOVISH. HE ALSO SOUGHT TO BUCK UP LIKUD ACTIVISTS TO REBUT LABOR ARGUMENTS THAT LIKUD OPPOSED WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON,
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THAT PERES -- RATHER THAN MODAI AND NISSIM -- HAD ACHIEVED THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND THAT SETTLEMENT IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT TOWNS.

LIKUD: INTERNAL

11. DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN LIBERAL PARTY LEADERS MODAI AND SHARIR VERSUS NISSIM AND PATT OVER THE NAMING OF LIBERAL CANDIDATES TO THE NEW COMBINED LIKUD (HERUT AND LIBERAL) SECRETARIAT FORCED SHAMIR TO CANCEL THE FIRST SCHEDULED MEETING (THIS WEEK). NISSIM AND PATT REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING SINCE THE LIBERAL CANDIDATES WERE NAMED SOLELY BY MODAI AND SHARIR. NISSIM AND PATT FEAR THAT IF MODAI AND SHARIR SUCCEED THIS TIME, THE RESULT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL LEVERAGE FOR THEIR CANDIDATES FOR THE LIKUD CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IF THIS INTERNAL LIBERAL DISPUTE IS NOT SETTLED, THERE WOULD BE NO AGREED LIBERAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND LIKUD WILL HAVE TO DELAY A KEY LIKUD CAMPAIGN EVENT -- THE PLANNED AUG. 25 MEETING OF THE NEWLY COMPOSED LIKUD CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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12. INTERNAL DIFFERENCES ON KEY ISSUES CONTINUE.

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LIST LEADER SHAKI'S REPORTED ADVOCACY OF EXTENDING ISRAELI LAW TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENT AREAS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY MORE MODERATE FIGURES IN THE PARTY LIKE TIBERIAS MAYOR YIGAL BIBI (NO. 4 ON THE LIST).

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13. KACH ANNOUNCED ITS LIST ON AUGUST 9: MEIR KAHANE; MOSHE NEIMANN (A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF MIZPE JERICHO, AND A GUSH EMUNIM FOUNDER); RAHAMIM COHEN (ATTORNEY); RABBI AVRAHAM TOLEDANO OF KIRYAT ARBA; AND DAVID BEN-DAVID (AN ECONOMIST AND IRGUN VETERAN).

DAROUSHA

14. DAROUSHA'S ARAB DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTED HIM ITS LIST LEADER ON AUG. 9. THE OTHER CANDIDATES ON THE LIST WILL BE ELECTED ON AUGUST 26.

TEHIYA WANTS PLP BANNED

15. TEHIYA IS PLANNING TO REQUEST THE CENTRAL ELECTIONS BOARD TO BAN THE PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE FROM RUNNING IN THE ELECTIONS, BECAUSE IT IS OPPOSED TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL. (EXISTING LAW STATES THAT "RACIST" PARTIES AND PARTIES OPPOSED TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL ARE INELIGIBLE TO RUN IN ELECTIONS; KACH AND PLP WILL BE CHALLENGED.)

SURPLUS VOTE AGREEMENTS

16. LIKUD AND TEHIYA, AS WELL AS CENTER-SHINUI AND MAPAM, HAVE SIGNED SURPLUS VOTE AGREEMENTS. (PARTIES WHICH WIN MORE THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE VOTE CAN SHARE "SURPLUS VOTES" TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SEAT.)

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17. A PORI POLL (FBIS TA 0808141288) SUGGESTED

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FLOATING VOTERS -- WHICH THIS SURVEY ASSERTED WERE TWENTY PERCENT OF THE ELECTORATE -- LARGELY RESEMBLED THE LIKUD VOTER FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OCCUPATION, INCOME AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. PORI ASSERTED UNDECIDED VOTERS OR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO REVEAL FOR WHOM THEY WILL VOTE, TEND TO PREFER LIKUD OVER LABOR.

18. LIKUD POLLSTER "DAHAF" SURVEY RESULTS STATED THE PUBLIC PREFERS SHAMIR (47 PERCENT) TO PERES (43 PERCENT) AS PRIME MINISTER. SHAMIR INSPIRED MORE TRUST (49 PERCENT) THAN PERES (42 PERCENT) AS THE MAN TO LEAD ISRAEL INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. DAHAF ALSO SAID THE LIKUD LEADERSHIP TEAM ENJOYED GREATER PUBLIC SUPPORT THAN THAT OF LABOR. REFERRING TO ISSUES, DAHAF NOTED THE PUBLIC WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE
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DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM AND THAT SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HAD DROPPED. DAHAF ALSO FOUND THAT THE JEWISH PUBLIC WAS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 BORDERS THAN THE DANGERS OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM.

19. BUT OTHER POPULARITY POLLS CAME UP WITH DIFFERENT RESULTS. A PORI POLL (FBIS TA 0908115488) NOTED THE FOLLOWING SATISFACTION RATINGS: RABIN AS DEFENSE MINISTER (50.2 PERCENT DOWN FROM 55.7 PERCENT IN JUNE); PERES AS FOREIGN MINISTER (38.2 PERCENT UP FROM 36.8 PERCENT); SHAMIR AS PRIME MINISTER (32.9 PERCENT UNCHANGED); LEVY AS HOUSING MINISTER (25.6 PERCENT DOWN FROM 35.6 PERCENT); NISSIM AS FINANCE MINISTER (41 PERCENT DOWN FROM 45.2 PERCENT); AND SHARON AS TRADE MINISTER (23 PERCENT DOWN FROM 29.8 PERCENT).

20. IN ADDITION, THE "TELESEKER" TELEPHONE POLL RELEASED THE FOLLOWING SATISFACTION RATINGS: RABIN (61.4 PERCENT); PERES (56 PERCENT); NISSIM (52.3 PERCENT); AND SHAMIR (40.8 PERCENT).

21. A PORI POLL ALSO NOTED THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE CAMPAIGN. A SEMI-ANNUAL SURVEY SHOWED 70.2 PERCENT OF THOSE INTERVIEWED COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RISE IN PRICES, AND 48.2 PERCENT SAID THEIR SALARIES WERE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER THE MONTH. ONLY 6.6 PERCENT SAID THEIR WAGES WENT UP MORE THAN PRICES AND 4.2 PERCENT SAID THEIR WAGES WERE BETTER ABLE TO LAST THE MONTH (COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS AGO). IN PORI'S SURVEY EARLIER THIS YEAR, 63.4 COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RISE IN PRICES AND 40.2

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PERCENT SAID WAGES WERE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER THE MONTH. AT THAT TIME, 15 PERCENT SAID THEIR WAGES HAD RISEN FASTER THAN PRICES AND 38 PERCENT SAID THEIR WAGES WERE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE MONTH.

22. AN INSTITUTE OF APPLIED SOCIAL WORK SURVEY REPORTED THAT ALMOST HALF ITS SAMPLE SUPPORTED "TRANSFER" OF ARABS FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IF

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THESE TERRITORIES REMAINED UNDER ISRAELI RULE. WHEN ASKED TO REPLY TO THE QUESTION "IF THE TERRITORIES REMAIN UNDER ISRAELI RULE, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO PRESERVE THE DEMOCRATIC (THE JEWISH) CHARACTER OF THE STATE, ALMOST HALF THOSE ASKED CHOSE THE REPLY "CAUSE THE ARABS TO LEAVE."

23. A POLL TAKEN BY THE UNKNOWN "NATIONWIDE INSTITUTE FOR SURVEYS" REPORTED THAT PARTY PREFERENCES IN THE ELECTIONS AMONG ISRAELI ARABS WERE: HADASH (COMMUNISTS) - 50 PERCENT; PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE - 20 PERCENT; LABOR - 15 PERCENT; DAROUSH - 10 PERCENT; AND THE REMAINDER SPLIT AMONG THE OTHER PARTIES.

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SUBJECT: SETTLER CHARGED IN PALESTINIAN'S
DEATH; WOMAN SENTENCED IN BEITA INCIDENT

REF: A) JERUSALEM 1568, B) JERUSALEM 1185

1. (U) THE JERUSALEM POST OF AUGUST 12 REPORTED THAT PINHAS WALLERSTEIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BINYAMIN REGIONAL COUNCIL, AUGUST 11 BECAME THE FIRST SETTLER LEADER TO BE CHARGED WITH KILLING A PALESTINIAN SINCE THE START OF THE INTIFADA. HE WAS CHARGED IN JERUSALEM DISTRICT COURT WITH MANSLAUGHTER AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT IN THE DEATH OF ONE BEITIN YOUTH AND THE WOUNDING OF ANOTHER DURING AN INCIDENT JANUARY 11 (REF A).

2. (U) MUNIRA DAOUD, THE PALESTINIAN WOMAN CHARGED WITH WOUNDING SETTLER ROMAM ALDUBI IN THE BEITA INCIDENT (REF B), WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THROWING ROCKS AND CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY HARM. SHE WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT MONTHS IN PRISON, WITH CREDIT GIVEN FOR THE FOUR MONTHS SHE HAS

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ALREADY SERVED SINCE HER ARREST, PLUS A 16-MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE. THE MILITARY JUDGE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT DAOUD'S BROTHER HAD BEEN KILLED BY

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ALDUBI IN THE INCIDENT AND HER FAMILY'S HOUSE
HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED BY THE IDF AS PUNISHMENT.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE WALLERSTEIN CHARGES ARE
LIKELY TO STIR CONTROVERSY OVER THE RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF SETTLERS IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. THE OUTCOME WILL BE CLOSELY
WATCHED BY WEST BANKERS ALREADY FEARFUL OF
SETTLER VIGILANTE ACTIONS. THE MUNIRA DAOUD
SENTENCE, WHILE INTENDED TO BE LENIENT, IS
NONETHELESS LIKELY TO SPARK RENEWED ANGER AMONG
PALESTINIANS WHO REGARD ALDUBI AS THE GUILTY
PARTY IN THE BEITA VIOLENCE. END COMMENT.
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JDP ACCOUNTS FROZEN

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SUBJECT: CONFLICTING VIEWS ON NEW ISRAELI
FINANCIAL CONTROLS IMPOSED ON CAB; JDP ACCOUNTS
FROZEN

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 2648, (B) TEL AVIV 11556

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2. SUMMARY: WEST BANK CAIRO-AMMAN BANK (CAB)
DIRECTOR MEDHAT KANAAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE
NEWEST FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE CAB
DIFFERS FROM THAT OF THE GOI'S OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES COORDINATOR SHMUEL GOREN. ACCORDING
TO KANAAN, GOREN ONLY THREATENED BUT DID NOT
IMPOSE A BIMONTHLY RESTRICTION OF JD 400/PERSON
ON WEST BANKERS RECEIVING FUNDS FROM OUTSIDE.
KANAAN DID NOT UNDERSTAND GOREN TO SAY THAT

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INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFERS BELOW THE JD 400 LIMIT
WOULD BE PROHIBITED. HOWEVER, KANAAN BELIEVES
THAT GOREN IS NOW REQUIRING THAT NO OUTSIDE

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INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION TRANSFER MORE THAN JD 400/MONTH INTO THE WEST BANK REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF INTENDED RECIPIENTS. KANAAN ALSO SAID THAT CAB MUST NOW INFORM ITS CUSTOMERS THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING FUNDS FROM ABROAD IN ANY AMOUNT MUST FILE A FINANCIAL DECLARATION IF THOSE FUNDS BELONG TO OR ARE INTENDED FOR ANOTHER PERSON. KANAAN IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HE NEED ONLY SUBMIT MONTHLY LISTS OF ISSUED LOANS TO THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AND NOT THAT THE CIVAD WILL NEED TO APPROVE LOANS PRIOR TO DISBURSAL. SHA'SHA' HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE HEAD OF JORDAN'S CENTRAL BANK THAT RECENT CHANGES IN JORDANIAN POLICY WILL NOT AFFECT CAB OPERATION SO LONG AS ISRAEL RESPECTS THE AGREEMENT IT SIGNED TO REESTABLISH WEST BANK BRANCHES. ON AUGUST 1, MOTA INSTRUCTED CAB TO FREEZE WEST BANK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND SALARY SUPPORT ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.

3. ON AUGUST 10 WEST BANK CAIRO-AMMAN BANK DIRECTOR MEDHAT KANAAN DESCRIBED THE AUGUST 8 MEETING HE ATTENDED WITH GOI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES COORDINATOR SHMUEL GOREN, ISRAELI EXAMINER OF BANKS GAD MARX AND CAB CHAIRMAN JAWDAT SHA'SHA' AS WORSE THAN HE HAD IMAGINED. HE SAID THAT GOREN AGAIN COMPLAINED THAT THE CAB WAS A CONDUIT FOR FUNDS FINANCING THE INTIFADA. ACCORDING TO KANAAN, GOREN EXERTED EXTREME PRESSURE ON THE CAB OFFICIALS TO SERVE "AS THE

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CIVAD'S WATCHDOG". KANAAN'S RENDITION OF THE FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS TO BE IMPOSED ON CAB DIFFERS FROM GOREN'S.

TRANSFER LIMIT

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4. ACCORDING TO KANAAN, GOREN INFORMED THE CAB OFFICIALS THAT HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE ISRAELI CABINET TO CLOSE THE CAB AND, BARRING THAT, HE MIGHT HAVE TO LIMIT TRANSFERS TO ONLY JD 400/PERSON EVERY TWO MONTHS. IT IS KANAAN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT GOREN THREATENED TO RESTRICT TRANSFERS TO JD 400/PERSON EVERY TWO MONTHS, NOT THAT SUCH A MEASURE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN IMPOSED.

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5. WHILE KANAAN DID NOT MENTION ANY RESTRICTION ON INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFERS PER SE, THE RESTRICTION HE DESCRIBED WILL HAVE MUCH THE SAME EFFECT. ACCORDING TO KANAAN, THOSE TRANSFERRING FUNDS WILL NOW BE RESTRICTED IN THE SAME WAY AS THOSE RECEIVING FUNDS: I.E. EACH INDIVIDUAL/INSTITUTION CAN ONLY TRANSFER JD 400/MONTH INTO THE WEST BANK. THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT ELIMINATE INSITUTIONAL TRANSFERS, IT ONLY MAKES THEM MORE COMPLICATED. KANAAN POINTED OUT TO US THAT JUST AS A TRANSFERRED SUM CAN BE DISBURSED IN JD 400 TRANCHES TO MANY INDIVIDUALS FOR COLLECTION LATER BY THE INTENDED

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RECIPIENT, SO TOO CAN A SUM BE DISAGGREGATED BY AN INSTITUTION OR INDIVIDUAL PRIOR TO TRANSFER AND THEN TRANSFERRED IN JD 400 TRANCHES BY MANY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL AGENTS. KANAAN SAID HE TOLD GOREN THAT THIS NEW RESTRICTION WOULD SERVE ONLY TO MAKE MORE WORK FOR CAB.

6. KANAAN TOLD US THAT GOREN HAD INFORMED THE CAB AUTHORITIES OF A NEW REGULATION DESIGNED TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM SENDING OR RECEIVING TRANSFERRED FUNDS ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE. THE CIVAD IS NOW REQUIRING ALL CAB BRANCHES TO POST AN ARABIC TRANSLATION OF THE FOLLOWING NOTICE: "SECURITY LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT ANY PERSON RECEIVING MONIES FROM ABROAD IN ANY

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AMOUNT MUST SIGN A DECLARATION IF THOSE MONIES BELONG TO OR ARE INTENDED FOR ANOTHER PERSON." KANAAN BELIEVES THAT PALESTINIANS WILL DISREGARD THIS NOTICE, HOWEVER. THEREFORE, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER GOREN IS CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT ONLY INDIVIDUALS ACTING IN THEIR OWN NAMES CAN BRING MONEY IN WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL. (REF B)

RESTRICTING LOANS

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7. ACCORDING TO KANAAN, GOREN TOLD THE CAB OFFICIALS THAT FAMILIES WERE USING THEIR BUSINESSES TO FINANCE THE INTIFADA. KANAAN THOUGHT THIS WAS A REFERENCE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF BASSAM SHAKA (FORMER NABLUS MAYOR AND SOAP FACTORY OWNER). EXPLAINING TO GOREN THAT CAB IS VERY CAREFUL AND RESTRAINED IN ITS LENDING, KANAAN NOTED BY EXAMPLE THAT THE HEBRON BRANCH HAS ONLY GRANTED 25 LOANS/OVERDRAFTS SINCE IT OPENED IN FEBRUARY. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, KANAAN WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT GOREN

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WOULD NOT PLACE A LIMIT ON THE LOANS CAB COULD GIVE (REF A) AND THAT MARX HAD CONVINCED GOREN THAT THE CIVAD COULD SUFFICIENTLY MONITOR CAB LOANS BY REVIEWING THE MONTHLY LOAN REPORT ALREADY PROVIDED BY CAB TO THE EXAMINER OF BANKS. CONTRARY TO GOREN'S COMMENTS REF B, KANAAN DOES NOT CURRENTLY INTEND TO PROVIDE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE OR REJECT LOANS PRIOR TO DISBURSAL.

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JORDANIAN POLICY MEASURES

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8. ACCORDING TO KANAAN, CAB AMMAN RECEIVED WORD FROM MOTA ON AUG 1 AT 1:00 PM THAT CAB SHOULD STOP TRANSACTIONS ON ALL PROGRAM ACCOUNTS IN THE WEST BANK AND THAT AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON THOSE ACCOUNTS WOULD NO LONGER BE VALID. IN THIS MESSAGE MOTA REQUESTED BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES AND FOR THE SALARY SUPPORT ACCOUNTS. SHA'SHA' AND KANAAN ARE AWARE THAT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HEADS HAVE OUTSTANDING BILLS TO PAY, BUT SHA'SHA' TOLD KANAAN THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHO IN THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT TO QUESTION ABOUT THE FATE OF THE FROZEN FUNDS NOW THAT MOTA IS DISSOLVED AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE NEWLY FORMED DEPARTMENT.

9. ACCORDING TO KANAAN, THE HEAD OF JORDAN'S CENTRAL BANK TOLD SHA'SHA' THAT RECENT CHANGES IN JORDANIAN POLICY WILL NOT AFFECT CAB'S OWN OPERATION SO LONG AS ISRAEL RESPECTS THE AGREEMENT SIGNED TWO YEARS AGO TO REESTABLISH WEST BANK CAB BRANCHES, AND THAT JORDAN WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO RESTRICT CAB'S WEST BANK ACTIVITIES UNLESS ISRAEL TRIES TO ANNEX THE WEST BANK.

10. SHA'SHA' TOLD KANAAN THAT AID'S CAIRO-AMMAN BANK LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM WILL PROCEED WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT EXCEPT THAT FUNDS WILL FLOW THROUGH THE CENTRAL BANK TO

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11. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASING ISRAELI INTERFERENCE IN CAB OPERATIONS, WE FORESEE THAT NEW FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON CAB WILL ONLY SLOW THE FLOW OF FUNDS TO THE WEST BANK UNTIL WEST BANKERS INEVITABLY FIND A WAY AROUND THOSE RESTRICTIONS OR RELY INCREASINGLY ON THE MANY OTHER AVAILABLE CHANNELS FOR FUNDS.

12. KING HUSSEIN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT JORDANIAN EMPLOYEES WILL BE PAID THROUGH AUGUST 16, AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT JORDAN INTENDS TO FUND

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THE COMPLETION OF JDP PROJECTS ALREADY
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UNDERWAY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
AMEMBASSY AMMAN COULD PROVIDE ON WHAT JORDAN
INTENDS TO DO WITH THE FROZEN DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE AND SALARY SUPPORT ACCOUNTS. END
COMMENT.
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SUBJECT: INTIFADA DEAD AND WOUNDED IN JULY 1988

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1. SUMMARY. THERE WERE TWENTY-FIVE PALESTINIAN FATALITIES RELATED TO THE UPRISING IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA DURING JULY, TWELVE MORE THAN IN JUNE. 269 PALESTINIANS AND FORTY-ONE ISRAELIS WERE WOUNDED OR INJURED. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT ALMOST DOUBLE THE CASUALTIES IN JUNE. THEY INDICATE THE CONTINUING POTENTIAL OF THE INTIFADA FOR MAJOR VIOLENCE AND THE FLUCTUATING PATTERN OF VIOLENCE. THE STATISTICS FROM JULY, DRAWN FROM PRESS REPORTS BASED ON IDF SOURCES, AND CUMULATIVE DATA FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS WHICH WE HAVE REPORTED EARLIER FOLLOW.

2. PALESTINIANS KILLED IN WEST BANK AND GAZA

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MONTH PALESTINIANS W.BANK GAZA
- KILLED

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| MAY 1988 | 22 | 16 | 6 |
| JUNE 1988 | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| JULY 1988 | 25 | 22 | 3 |

TOTAL 257

(NOTE: OF THE 25 WHO DIED IN JULY, 4 DIED IN THE WEST BANK AND ONE IN GAZA FROM WOUNDS SUSTAINED EARLIER.)

3. PALESTINIANS WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE, MAY, JUNE,
- JULY
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MONTH WOUNDED W.BANK GAZA E.JERUSALEM

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| MAY | 183 | 90 | 76 | 7 |
| JUNE | 179 | 174 | 5 | |
| JULY | 269 | 145 | 124 | |

(NOTE: ONE OF THE PALESTINIANS WOUNDED IN MAY AND 13 OF THOSE WOUNDED IN JUNE WERE WOUNDED BY S)((H4. ISRAELIS KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED,
- MAY, JUNE, JULY
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MONTH IDF POLICE, SETTLERS, SETTLERS,
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- WOUNDED KILLED WOUNDED

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SUBJECT: FOUR KILLED AS WEST BANK VIOLENCE
SWELLS AND SETTLER PARTICIPATION INCREASES

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2. SUMMARY: ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6-7,
FOUR PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED AND MORE THAN
THIRTY WERE WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE FROM IDF TROOPS
AND BORDER POLICE ATTEMPTING TO PUT DOWN A MAJOR
SWELL IN THE WEST BANK PROTESTS. MORE THAN
180,000 WEST BANKS RESIDENTS REMAINED UNDER
CURFEW AS OF FEBRUARY 8. SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED
THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK AND EAST JERUSALEM AND
ALL ARAB PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CAME TO A
COMPLETE STANDSTILL. THE COMMERCIAL STRIKE
REMAINED IN EFFECT WITHOUT THE PARTIAL SERVICE
ALLOWED FROM MERCHANTS IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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THE ANTI-AMERICAN MOOD IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS
APPEARS TO BE GROWING. THE RENEWED USE OF LIVE
FIRE IN ADDITION TO THE INCREASED PRESENCE OF
VIGILANTE SETTLERS WILL CONTINUE TO CHARGE THE
MOMENTUM OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING. THE
PRESENCE OF THE SETTLERS IS HARDENING AND
SHARPENING THE PALESTINIAN MOOD. END SUMMARY.

FOUR KILLED, MORE THAN THIRTY WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE

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3. WEST BANK PROTESTS ENDED THEIR SECOND MONTH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, WITH A MAJOR RALLY AFFECTING SMALL VILLAGES AS WELL AS THE MORE DENSELY POPULATED MUNICIPALITIES:

-- ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, IN THE AR-ROUB REFUGEE CAMP NORTH OF HEBRON, ONE WOMAN WAS KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED WHEN IDF TROOPS OPENED FIRE TO DISPERSE A ROCK THROWING CROWD AFTER TEAR GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS PROVED INEFFECTIVE.

-- ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, IN THE VILLAGE OF BEIT UMMAR, NEAR AR-ROUB BETWEEN BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON, THREE PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED WHEN PALESTINIANS CLASHED WITH TROOPS AFTER REPORTEDLY BEING TOLD THAT A GROUP OF SETTLERS WAS ENTERING THE VILLAGE.

-- THE MAQASED HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM REPORTED SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 7) THAT THIRTY-ONE PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN ADMITTED WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS SINCE SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6).
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-- A TEN-YEAR OLD PALESTINIAN BOY FROM THE VILLAGE OF BOURQA, NEAR NABLUS, DIED ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 7) FROM A BULLET HEAD-WOUND RECEIVED DURING A CLASH WITH BORDER POLICE THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

VIOLENCE SPREADS TO SMALL VILLAGES EVERYWHERE
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4. WEST BANK VIOLENCE AFFECTED DOZENS OF SMALL VILLAGES AS THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING SPREAD ITS WEB THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK. DEMONSTRATIONS AND CLASHES WITH BORDER POLICE AND IDF WERE REPORTED:

-- NEAR HEBRON IN SAIR, YATTA, SHUYUKH, BEIT UMMAR AND DURA;

-- BETWEEN BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON IN BEIT FUJJAR;

-- NEAR BETHLEHEM IN BEIT SAHOUR;

-- IN AND AROUND JERUSALEM IN SILWAN, ISSAWIYA, HAWARITH, ABU TOR, EL-SAWAHRA AND JEBEL MUKABER;

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-- NEAR RAMALLAH IN BEIT UR-ATAHTA, EID YABRUD,
YA'ABED, BIDDO AND DEIR AMAR;

-- NEAR NABLUS IN TOUBAS AND BARAKIN;

-- NEAR TULKAREM IN ARRABE, JAB'A, ATTIL, ILLAR,

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AL-GHOSOUN AND ANABTA;

-- NEAR JENIN IN SILAT AL-HARITHIYA

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IN ADDITION THERE WERE CLASHES IN THE LARGER TOWNS OF QALQILYA, JERICHO, HEBRON, AND TULKAREM. THE WIDESPREAD DISTURBANCES RESULTED IN CURFEWS AFFECTING APPROXIMATELY 180,000 PALESTINIANS.

5. IN JERICHO, WHICH HAD BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE UPRISING, A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 150 DEMONSTRATORS THREW ROCKS AND BURNED TIRES. JERICHO MAYOR KHALAF'S

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CAR WAS HIT BY ROCKS WHILE PASSING THROUGH THE CITY. IN THE NEARBY REFUGEE CAMP OF AQAHAT JABR, PALESTINIANS THREW A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL INTO AN ABANDONED POLICE STATION WITHIN THE CAMP.

SETTLERS WALK TALL AND TALK TOUGH
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6. ISRAELI RADIO AND PESS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, REPORTED THAT SETTLERS WERE PATROLLING THE ROAD BETWEEN GUSH-ETZION AND HEBRON, SEARCHING FOR STONE THROWERS. ISRAELI RADIO INTERVIEWED A LEADING SETTLER MONDAY MORNING WHO SAID THAT SETTLERS HAD AN ADVANTAGE OVER IDF IN THAT THE IDF WAS BOUND BY STRICT RULES WHILE "WE CAN DO WHAT WE WANT". RUMORS OF SETTLER INCURSIONS INTO REFUGEE CAMPS AND VILLAGES AS WELL AS EARLIER REPORTS LAST WEEK OF SETTLERS "TAKING" PALESTINIANS AND EITHER BEATING THEM OR TAKING THEM INTO CUSTODY REPORTEDLY HELPED TO FUEL THE WEEKEND VIOLENCE.

EAST JERUSALEM VIOLENCE FURTHER DIVIDES THE CITY
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7. ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, HUNDREDS OF EAST JERUSALEM RESIDENTS, OLD AND YOUNG ALIKE, PARTICIPATED IN ERECTING ROAD BARRIERS, THROWING ROCKS AND BURNING TIRES. AN ISRAELI CAR'S WINDOWS WERE SMASHED BY A ROCK THROWN ON SALAH EDDIN STREET, THE MAIN BUSINESS DISTRICT OF EAST JERUSALEM. AN ISRAELI EGGED BUS WAS STONED NEAR THE OLD CITY'S DUNG GATE. PALESTINIAN YOUTHS

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REPORTEDLY DESTROYED WATER SUPPLY PIPES SERVING ABU TOR AND ANATA. MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS SAID THAT REPAIRS COULD TAKE UP TO TWO MONTHS AND THAT WATER WOULD HAVE TO BE TRUCKED IN DURING THAT PERIOD. PALESTINIANS COVERED WITH KEFFIYEHS REFUSED TO ALLOW TRAFFIC IN OR OUT OF THE EAST JERUSALEM NEIGHBORHOODS OF ABU TOR, ANATA OR SILWAN. PALESTINIANS IN THE SHUAFAT AND ANATA NEIGHBORHOODS AND REFUGEE CAMP STONED NEARBY ISRAELI HOMES AND PASSERSBY IN EAST TALPIOT. STONE THROWING WAS REPORTED IN THE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM QUARTERS OF THE OLD CITY.

8. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK ORDERED ALL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED SCHOOLS IN EAST JERUSALEM CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK AFTER FEWER THAN TEN PER CENT OF THE STUDENTS HAD SHOWN UP FOR CLASSES THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE MUNICIPALITY HAS EVER MOVED TO CLOSE SCHOOLS IN JERUSALEM. MAYOR KOLLEK WAS QUOTED IN THE FEBRUARY 8 EDITION OF THE JERUSALEM POST AS SAYING THAT "THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED IN A FUNDAMENTAL WAY. CO-EXISTANCE IS NOT DEAD BUT I'M SURE THERE WILL BE DEEP SCARS LEFT WHEN THIS IS OVER." JERUSALEM POST COLUMNIST YEHUDA LITANI WROTE IN THE SAME ISSUE THAT "THE LATEST PALESTINIAN ACHIEVEMENT IS THE REDIVISION OF UNITED JERUSALEM." WEST JERUSALEM TAXIS ARE REFUSING TO TRAVEL INTO ARAB NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE ISRAELI EGGED BUS COMPANY THREATENED LAST WEEK TO CUT OFF SERVICE TO THE NORTHERN JERUSALEM NEIGHBORHOODS IF STONINGS OF THEIR BUSES CONTINUED.

COMMERCIAL STRIKE SHUTS DOWN THE WEST BANK

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9. THE COMMERCIAL STRIKE CALLED BY RADIO AL-QUDS ORIGINALLY FOR 21 DAYS HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO THREE DAYS. HOWEVER, IT INCLUDES ALL ARAB PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. RON KRUMER, ASSISTANT TO THE COORDINATOR OF THE TERRITORIES, TOLD EMBOFF ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) THAT THEY BELIEVED THE STRIKE WAS NINETY PER CENT EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK.

10. UNRWA HAS REPORTED THAT SUPPLIES FOR REFUGEE CAMP RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ABOVE NORMAL BECAUSE OF EXTRAORDINARY DONATIONS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF SOURCES, INCLUDING SOME ISRAELI GROUPS.

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11. THE UPRISING IS MAINTAINING ITS MOMENTUM IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS. THE COMMERCIAL STRIKE IS THE MOST ORGANIZED ELEMENT OF THE UPRISING SINCE THERE APPEAR TO BE ONE OR MORE GROUPS OF PEOPLE CALLING THE TERMS OF THE STRIKE FROM WEEK TO WEEK. HOWEVER, OTHER THAN EXHORTATION BY AHMAD JABRIL'S PFLP-GENERAL COMMAND AL-QUDS RADIO, THERE IS NO ORCHESTRATION TO THE ONGOING DEMONSTRATIONS, ROCK THROWINGS, TIRE BURNINGS OR MOLOTOV COCKTAIL INCIDENTS. THE LENGTHENING LIST OF INCIDENTS IN RURAL VILLAGES SHOWS HOW THE SPIRIT AND FLESH OF REBELLION IS SPREADING. WHILE THE PLO CONTINUES TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR LEADING THE DEMONSTRATIONS (THROUGH SUCH GRANDSTAND PLAYS AS YASSER ARAFAT'S "RECONSIDERATIONS" OF A SUPPOSED DIRECTIVE NOT TO USE ARMS AGAINST THE IDF) WE STILL SEE NO EVIDENCE IT COULD TURN THINGS OFF IF IT CHOSE -- PROBABLY A BETTER PROOF OF INFLUENCE AT THIS POINT. THE PALESTINIAN YOUTHS INVOLVED IN THESE INCIDENTS SEEM TO HAVE NO SPECIFIC POLITICAL AGENDA, APART FROM INTENSE FRUSTRATION WITH THE OCCUPATION AND A CERTAIN SENSE OF HONOR IN KEEPING UP THE RESISTANCE.

12. COMMENT CONTINUED: THE PRESENCE OF
SETTLERS ALSO CONTINUES TO GROW AND TO PROVOKE
ANGRY REACTION. THE WEEKEND VIOLENCE WAS
ATTRIBUTABLE, AT LEAST IN PART, TO THE
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WIDE-SPREAD RUMORS THAT SETTLERS WERE ENTERING
REFUGEE CAMPS, KIDNAPPING PALESTINIAN YOUTHS AND
VANDALIZING PALESTINIAN CARS. THE TRAGIC EVENTS
IN BEIT UMMAR, A SMALL, USUALLY PEACEFUL,
VILLAGE NORTH OF HEBRON, SEEM TO HAVE BEEN
SPARKED BY VILLAGE REACTION TO RUMORS THAT
SETTLERS WERE ENTERING. THE GROWING BOLDNESS
AND HIGH PUBLIC PROFILE OF THE SETTLERS WILL
ONLY PROLONG THE STRIFE.
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1. SYRIAN MEDIA HAS GIVEN PROMINENT FRONT PAGE COVER-
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STATEMENTS OUT OF WASHINGTON TO CAST FURTHER DOUBTS ON
U.S. INTENTIONS IN THE AREA. A BA'ATH EDITORIAL OF MARCH
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ARGUES THAT BY WARMLY EMBRACING SHAMIR WITH STATEMENTS
OF THE STRENGTH OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND BY
PROVIDING NEW F-16S, THE U.S. HAS "IN ITS OWN WAY"
PROVEN ITS SUPPORT FOR SHAMIR'S VIEWS OF THE PEACE
PROCESS.

2. WHILE WASHINGTON MAY CLAIM THAT IT SEEKS A FAIR
PEACE AND THAT ISRAEL IS THE INTRANSIGENT PARTY WHOM
IT CANNOT CONTROL, THESE ACTIONS ONCE AGAIN PROVE THAT
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ISRAEL IS A "MILITARY OUTPOST" USED TO FURTHER AMERICAN
INTERESTS IN THE REGION AND THAT THE U.S. CONCEPT OF
PEACE IS TO ENCOURAGE TEL AVIV TO COMMIT AGGRESSION.
THE SHULTZ PLAN, SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, IS MARGINAL. IF THE
REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WERE SERIOUS IN WANTING PEACE, IT
WOULD HAVE AT LEAST CONFRONTED SHAMIR WITH THE "BRUTAL"
CRIMES CARRIED OUT DAILY BY THE OCCUPATION. THE EDITOR-
IAL CONCLUDES THAT THERE MAY BE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL -- NOT OVER THE PEACE

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INITIATIVE -- BUT RATHER OVER THE TIME AND FORM OF
FUTURE AGGRESSIONS. THE U.S. CANNOT BE BLAMED FOR
THIS ONE-SIDED STAND. HOWEVER, ARABS WHO CONTINUE TO
TRUST THE U.S. CAN BE BLAMED.

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2. IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC STATEMENTS YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED, YOU SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY IN BRIEFING KING HUSSEIN AND PRESIDENT MUBARAK ON THE RESULTS THUS FAR OF THE SHAMIR VISIT.

3. -- I WANTED YOU TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND AT THIS POINT IN PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I WILL BE HAVING ONE MORE MEETING WITH HIM THURSDAY MORNING.

-- OUR MEETINGS THUS FAR, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, HAVE BEEN MARKED BY THE COMBINATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND CANDOR THAT HAS ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED THE US-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP.

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-- OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WAS TO HOLD FIRM IN MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF OUR PROPOSAL. IN THIS, WE SUCCEEDED COMPLETELY. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS OWN PUBLIC REMARKS: "THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SLICE THIS INITIATIVE APART AND WILL NOT ABANDON IT."

-- THE PRIME MINISTER REMAINS OPPOSED TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AS WELL AS TO OTHER KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR

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PROPOSAL. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAS NOT SAID "NO" AND IS AWARE THAT WE PLAN TO KEEP WORKING ON OUR INITIATIVE.

-- WE DID NOT RESOLVE THE CONFERENCE ISSUE. AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS, HE PREFERS THE KIND OF EVENT WE DISCUSSED LAST OCTOBER. I MADE CLEAR THAT THE TYPE OF CONFERENCE WE ARE NOW PROPOSING IS NECESSARY TO GET TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

-- WE PLAN TO KEEP WORKING. WE WILL CONTINUE DEVELOPING A WELL-STRUCTURED CONFERENCE WHICH CAN COMPLEMENT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH IT. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE WILL BE IMPORTANT.

-- IN ADDITION, I AM ASKING PHIL HABIB TO TRAVEL TO THE REGION AGAIN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE.

-- IN SUMMARY, OUR PROPOSAL IS STILL INTACT AND VERY MUCH ALIVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU TO BRING IT TO FRUITION. SHULTZ

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-- SHAMIR DURING DEPARTURE, MARCH 16, 1988

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS TO PRESS GIVEN BY THE
PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINSITER SHAMIR AT THE CONCLUSION OF
THEIR MEETING, MARCH 16, 1988:

THE PRESIDENT: IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH PRIME
MINISTER SHAMIR AGAIN TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
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WITH HIM THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. WE HAVE A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL, A
RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST, FRIENDHSIP, AND SHARED IDEALS. I
THINK WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT WE'VE MADE
OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS IN GIVING MORE SUBSTANCE AND
DIMENSION TO THE STRONG TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE
UNITED STATES. IN THE REMAINDER OF MY TERM, WE WILL
CONTINUE TO WORK TO STRENGTHEN THOSE TIES.

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THE MAIN TOPIC OF OUR DISCUSSION TODAY WAS THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE'VE SEEN A NEW SENSE OF URGENCY ON THE PART OF MANY IN THE REGION, AND A WIDE RECOGNITION OF THE REALITY THAT THE STATUS QUO IS UNACCEPTABLE. OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN GEARED TOWARD TRYING TO FIND A REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL WAY TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS -- PROGRESS THAT WILL ASSURE THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS AND ACHIEVE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS.

THE PRESENT SITUATION IS A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE DECISIVELY TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK THAT HAS LASTED FAR TOO LONG. I HOPE WE WILL NOT LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY. TODAY, PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AND I DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL FOR MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH SECRETARY SHULTZ LEFT WITH ISRAEL, JORDAN, AND SYRIA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT. WE BELIEVE THIS PROPOSAL OFFERS A REALISTIC AND ACHIEVEABLE WAY TO CHANGE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS. IT'S A CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION OF MY COMMITMENT TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT THROUGH A NEGOTIATING PROCESS THAT WOULD BEGIN SOON. AS I TOLD PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN THIS PROCESS, AND WE HOPE THAT ALL

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THE PARTIES INVOLVED WILL SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

SO LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT SEVERAL THINGS. THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SLICE THIS INITIATIVE APART AND WILL NOT ABANDON IT.

AND THOSE WHO WILL SAY NO TO THE U.S. PLAN -- AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT USED THIS WORD -- NEED NOT ANSWER TO US -- THEY'LL NEED TO ANSWER TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR PEOPLE AS TO WHY THEY TURNED DOWN A REALISTIC AND SENSIBLE PLAN TO ACHIEVE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS A TIME FOR ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR PEACE.

PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AND I ALSO REVIEWED OUR COUNTRIES' ROBUST AND VITAL BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. AS YOU KNOW, ISRAEL HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ONE OF OUR MAJOR NON-NATO ALLIES AND FRIENDS, AND WE HAVE DEVELOPED A SOLID BASIS OF STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. STRATEGIC COOPERATION IS A SYMBOL OF OUR CONVERGING NEEDS AND OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT NO WEDGE WILL EVER BE DRIVEN BETWEEN US.

I WANT TO ADD THAT PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AND I BOTH REMAIN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MANY THOUSANDS OF JEWS

THAT REMAIN IN THE SOVIET UNION AND YEARN TO EMIGRATE OR FULLY EXPRESS THEIR JEWISH IDENTITY. THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY SHALL REMAIN AT THE TOP OF MY AGENDA IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY GORBACHEV.

AS I BID FREWELL TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, I WISH HIM AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL A HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY. OUR PRAYER IS THAT THIS ANNIVERSARY WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE ERA OF PEACE AND ACCOMMODATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS
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VISIT TO WASHINGTON HAS GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CARLUCCI, AND SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY BAKER. MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE ALSO MET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND OTHER FRIENDS IN THE CONGRESS, IN THE ADMINISTRATION, AND IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

I AM INDEBTED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THIS KIND INVITATION. IT AFFORDS ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN, AND TO DEEPEN THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THE TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ, WE REVIEWED THE STATE OF U.S./ISRAEL RELATIONS, AND THE EFFORTS TO ADVANCE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. MR. PRESIDENT, WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH FOR WHICH YOU HAVE ALWAYS STOOD. WE HAVE STEPPED UP EFFORTS TO SEEK A FRAMEWORK FOR CONDUCTING DIRECT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THOSE ITS ARABS NEIGHBORS THAT WE HOPE WILL JOIN US IN THE QUEST FOR PEACE.

ISRAEL HAS WELCOMED THE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT AND THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS IN THIS SEARCH. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE AMERICAN ROLE, BECAUSE WE SHARE THE SAME GOAL OF PEACE WITH SECURITY FOR ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH, IN MY VIEW IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO PEACE. SOME MONTHS AGO, I ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL BY SECRETARY SHULTZ TO LAUNCH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BLESSING OF THE U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT IN ORDER TO GRANT INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THOSE STATES DESIRING IT. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS REJECTED. NEVERTHELESS, I SHALL BE
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READY TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR PROPOSAL.

ISRAEL FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO LIVE WITH EACH OTHER IN PEACE MUST LEARN TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH EACH OTHER. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, WHICH HAVE PROVIDED A WORKABLE AGREED FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EACH OF ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS.

MR. PRESIDENT, THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES FOR ISRAEL. WE SHALL OVERCOME THEM IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY CONSONANT WITH OUR TRADITION AND OUR EAGERNESS TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF LIVES.

MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE EVE OF ISRAEL'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY, THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ARE UNITED IN HAILING THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP AND THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THIS FRIENDSHIP HAS REACHED UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES -- A FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND THE DESIGNATION OF ISRAEL AS A MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN UNSHAKEN IN SPITE OF OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION THAT MAY ARISE.

I AM SURE I SPEAK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND FOR PEACE-LOVING PERSONS EVERYWHERE WHEN I EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN THE WORLD AND TO BRING PEACE TO OUR WAR-TORN REGION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST TO COOPERATE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

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I RETURN TO JERUSALEM CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE, WE SHALL SUCCEED. THANK YOU.
END TEXT. SHULTZ

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1. SUMMARY: INITIAL REACTION TO THE SHAMIR VISIT HAS BEEN MIXED, WITH SOME EMPHASIZING THE GAPS BETWEEN SHAMIR AND THE USG WHILE OTHERS PLAYED UP THE NON-CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE OF THE VISIT. THIS INTERIM RESULT HAS PROBABLY PROVIDED SOME RELIEF TO SHAMIR SUPPORTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE VISIT, EXPECTATIONS HAD BEEN BUILT UP HERE FOR A MAJOR SHOWDOWN BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AND THE USG OVER THE SECRETARY'S PEACE PROCESS INITIATIVE. IN THE WAKE OF SHAMIR'S FIRST DAY OF MEETINGS, SOME OF THE TENSION HAS DISSIPATED. ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN FREE TO CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF SIGNALS EMITTING FROM WASHINGTON.

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3. THOSE CRITICAL OF SHAMIR HAVE FOCUSED ON THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS THAT THE GAPS IN U.S.-ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN BRIDGED AND ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY MURPHY'S TESTIMONY THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS NECESSARY TO MOVE THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD.

4. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, HA'ARETZ'S MAIN HEADLINE INDIRECTLY QUOTED MURPHY AS SAYING THAT THE MEANING OF SHAMIR'S STANCE TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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IS THAT THERE IS NO PEACE PROCESS. HA'ARETZ'S YOEL MARCUS REPORTED THAT SHAMIR HAD BEEN TOLD TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE US PLAN AS IS, WHILE HA'ARETZ' AKIVA ELDAR REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY WILL PROPOSE THAT THE SOVIETS ASK THE UN TO ISSUE INVITATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REGARDLESS OF PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S RESPONSE. MA'ARIV'S IDO DISSENCHIK REPORTED ALLEGED U.S. THREATS TO END MEDIATION ATTEMPTS IF ANY SIDE REJECTS THE U.S. PROPOSAL. OTHER ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED PRIVATE USG "DISAPPOINTMENT" IN PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S STANCE.

5. AT THE SAME TIME, MUCH ISRAELI REPORTING HAS FOCUSED ON THE NON-CONFRONTATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE TRIP AND ON THE HEAVY SUPPORT SHAMIR HAS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

6. ISRAEL TV'S MABAT EVENING NEWS PROGRAM MARCH 15 EMPHASIZED THE SECRETARY'S CHARACTERIZATION OF HIS FIRST MEETINGS WITH SHAMIR AS CONSTRUCTIVE, WHILE ISRAEL RADIO'S MORNING REPORTING CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR (REF FBIS), IN WHICH SHAMIR STATED THAT "ALL THOSE WHO SAID THERE WOULD BE PRESSURE, WHO PREDICTED PRESSURE, WERE BITTERLY

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DISAPPOINTED...THOSE PREDICTIONS WERE UNFOUNDED AND DID NOT COME TRUE." PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE UJA WERE ALSO WELL COVERED.

7. YEDIOT AHARONOT REPORTED THAT THERE WAS AN EMERGING TREND IN THE ADMINISTRATION TOWARD SHOWING FLEXIBILITY TOWARD SHAMIR, AND THAT COMPROMISE FORMULAE WERE BEING CONSIDERED. THE JERUSALEM POST'S WOLF BLITZER REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE THIRTY SENATORS WHO SIGNED THE LETTER TO SECRETARY SHULTZ LAST WEEK REGRETTED THE ACTION, PARTICULARLY AS IT HAD HARDENED THE STANCE OF ARAB STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE.

8. IN SHORT, ON MARCH 16 ISRAELIS WERE FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE SHAMIR VISIT THUSFAR. GIVEN THE BROAD EXPECTATION OF A SHOWDOWN WITH THE U.S., SUPPORTERS OF PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR HAVE LIKELY BEEN BREATHING A SIGN OF RELIEF. HUGHES

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS TO PRESS GIVEN BY PRIME
MINISTER SHAMIR AND SECRETARY SHULTZ AT THE CONCLUSION OF
THEIR MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT MARCH 15:

SECRETARY SHULTZ: MR. PRIME MINISTER, IT'S BEEN A
PLEASURE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO WELCOME YOU. I KNOW YOU
SAID THAT AFTER YOU FINISHED MY WIFE'S BLUEBERRY PANCAKES
THAT IT WAS A GOOD BEGINNING TO OUR VISIT.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED, ALREADY, MANY ISSUES. WE DISCUSSED
THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ISRAEL, HAD AN EXTENSIVE
DISCUSSION OF THE INTEREST WE BOTH HAVE IN SOVIET JEWERY
AND OUR PLANS IN THAT REGARD. WE'VE DISCUSSED MATTERS OF
STRATEGIC INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES AND, OF COURSE, THIS
MORNING IN OUR LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS OVER BREAKFAST, WE
DISCUSSED THE PEACE PROCESS.

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AND HERE, WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THAT, AT LEAST FROM OUR
STANDPOINT IN THE UNITED STATES, THE DISCUSSION WAS A
VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND WORTHWHILE ONE, AND WE HAVE SOME

IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORK ON AND WE FEEL ENCOURAGED TO
CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO WORK WITH ISRAEL AND OTHERS IN
THE MIDDLE EAST TO SEEK GREATER STABILITY AND
CONSTRUCTIVE AND PEACEFUL RELATIONS IN THE REGION.

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SO, MR. PRIME MINISTER, AGAIN, WELCOME AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR TALKS AS YOUR VISIT GOES ON.

PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR: MR. SECRETARY, I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE SECRETARY FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VERY THOROUGH AND SERIOUS AND LARGE DISCUSSION ABOUT ALL THE PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN THAT WE HAVE NOW AND THAT WE ARE FACING NOW IN OUR AREA.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED A BROAD RANGE OF PROBLEMS AS THE SECRETARY MENTIONED; ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE PROBLEMS OF SOVIET JEWERY AND SOME PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF OUR AREA AND WE HAVE ALSO EXPLORED AND DISCUSSED, VERY THOROUGHLY, THE PEACE PROPOSALS WE ARE DISCUSSING NOW IN THE AREA WITH ALL THE INTERESTED FACTORS.

IT IS CLEAR, IT IS WELL KNOWN, THAT ISRAEL ENCOURAGED AND HAD ENCOURAGED THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO TAKE STEPS AND TO BE ACTIVE IN ADVANCING THE EFFORTS OF PEACE IN OUR AREA.

ISRAEL IS ALWAYS READY FOR MAKING MOVES TO BRING NEARER THE PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. UNTIL NOW, I MUST SAY, WE

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HAVE NOT FOUND THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE WITH US BECAUSE WE ARE INTERESTED, FIRST OF ALL, TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND WE DON'T SEE ANY POSITIVE ROLE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS OF THE SECRETARY AND OF HIS ASSISTANTS. ALL THE CONVERSATION WERE CONDUCTED IN A VERY FRIENDLY SPIRIT AND A WELL-KNOWN SPIRIT OF HOW -- SINCE THE LONG EXISTING ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN MANY PLANS AND WE WILL CONTINUE THIS RELATIONSHIP, AND WE WILL COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE SECRETARY IN LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO GET PEACE AND TO ADVANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN OUR AREA.

IN THIS SPIRIT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR COOPERATION IN THE NEXT DAYS OF MY VISIT HERE AND BEYOND THAT. THANK YOU.

QUESTION: CAN EITHER OF YOU TWO GENTLEMEN TELL US IF YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRIDGE THE DIFFERENCES ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE IN TERMS OF THE FIRST STEPS OF THE PEACE

PROCESS?.

SECRETARY SHULTZ: WELL, WE HAVE DISCUSSED ALL OF THE

VARIOUS ELEMENTS AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND OUR WAY TO BRIDGE
ALL OF THE DIFFERENCES BUT, I THINK, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF,
I SEE QUITE CLEARLY WHAT THE NATURE OF THE DIFFERENCES
ARE AND WHAT THEY AREN'T. AND SO WE WORK AT WAYS TO DEAL
WITH THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AND IN THAT SENSE I FELT
THAT THE DISUCSSION WAS A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ONE.
END OF REMARKS. SHULTZ

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION REPEATED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A
LETTER FROM 30 SENATORS TO THE SECRETARY ON THE MIDDLE
EAST PEACE PROCESS. IF ASKED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS ABOUT
THIS LETTER, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
WELCOMES THIS SUPPORTIVE CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE, BUT
MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS AN INITIATIVE OF THE CONGRESS.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR SECRETARY SHULTZ:

WE ARE WRITING TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORT TO
BREAK THE DANGEROUS MIDDLE EAST STALEMATE, A STALEMATE
THAT HAS LED TO THE CURRENT CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND
COUNTER/VIOLENCE.

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WE SUPPORT YOUR MISSION OF PEACE, WHICH IS BASED ON
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY RESOLUTION 242 (AS RESTATED IN
RESOLUTION 338), A RESOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN AT THE
FOUNDATION OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY IN THE REGION
THROUGH FIVE ADMINISTRATIONS AND WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED
BY ISRAEL AND MOST OF THE ARAB PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

THE MEANING OF THIS RESOLUTION IS CLEAR. IT REQUIRES THE
ARAB STATES TO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO "LIVE IN PEACE

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WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES, FREE FROM THREATS OR ACTS OF FORCE..." IT REQUIRES ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM SOME OF THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED DURING THE 1967 WAR. IT CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN THREE WORDS: LAND FOR PEACE.

UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EGYPT, NO ARAB STATE HAS DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT THIS FORMULATION. TO ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER, THE ARAB STATES HAVE RESISTED RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND PEACE WITH IT. AS FOR THE PALESTINIANS, THEY NOT ONLY REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, THEY HAVE REFUSED TO MEET WITH YOU DURING YOUR VISIT. FOR SOME 50 YEARS, THOSE WHO HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL HAVE PAID WITH THEIR LIVES. OTHERS HAVE BEEN INTIMIDATED.

ISRAEL, FOR ITS PART, HAS MANIFESTED ITS COMMITMENT TO RESOLUTION 242 AND THE "LAND FOR PEACE" FORMULA IN A TANGIBLE WAY. IN RETURN FOR EGYPT'S RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF PEACE, ISRAEL RETURNED THE SINAI PENINSULA TO EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY INCLUDING THE OIL FIELDS LOCATED THEREIN.

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TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS INCLUDING RESOLUTION 242'S "LAND FOR PEACE" FORMULA AND HAVE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD APPLY TO THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. ACCORDING TO THIS FORMULATION, ISRAEL WOULD CONTEMPLATE THE RELINQUISHING OF TERRITORY IN EXCHANGE FOR A PEACE TREATY GUARANTEEING JORDANIAN AND PALESTINIAN RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL.

THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING.

ACCORDINGLY, WE WERE DISMAYED TO READ IN THE "NEW YORK TIMES" OF FEBRUARY 26 THAT PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR HAD SAID THAT "... THIS EXPRESSION OF TERRITORY FOR PEACE IS NOT ACCEPTED BY ME."

WE HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT DID NOT INDICATE THAT ISRAEL IS ABANDONING A POLICY THAT OFFERS THE BEST HOPE OF LONG-TERM PEACE. ISRAEL CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO GIVE UP ALL THE TERRITORY GAINED IN 1967 OR TO RETURN TO THE DANGEROUS AND INSECURE PRE-'67 BORDERS. RESOLUTION 242 DOES NOT REQUIRE IT TO DO SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS IF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S POSITION RULES OUT TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE.

WE ARE ALSO DISTURBED BY REPORTS THAT JORDAN MAY BE BACKING AWAY FROM THE IDEA OF A JOINT JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION THAT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE ISRAELIS AT A PEACE CONFERENCE. THESE ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT JORDAN MAY INSIST ON AN INDEPENDENT PLO PRESENCE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

WE HOPE THAT THESE REPORTS ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION. ISRAEL REJECTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO, AND RIGHTLY SO. HOWEVER, ITS OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH A JOINT JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION.

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JORDAN'S ABANDONMENT OF THE JOINT DELEGATION CONCEPT NOW WOULD DEAL A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH COMPROMISE BY BOTH SIDES THAT WE WILL ACHIEVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

WE APPLAUD YOUR EFFORT TO GET THE PEACE PROCESS MOVING AND SHARE YOUR DETERMINATION TO BUILD A MIDDLE EAST WHERE EVERY NATION AND PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN PEACE, SECURITY AND, ULTIMATELY, EVEN FRIENDSHIP.

SINCERELY,

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1. SHAMIR SAID HE WELCOMED U.S. EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM BEN GURION LAST NIGHT. REF FBIS IS MARCH 13 INTERVIEW WITH PM SHAMIR IN WHICH HE SAYS HE WILL "PROPOSE IDEAS...SOME OF WHICH THEY KNOW" IN WASHINGTON. SHAMIR CONFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO TRY TO SECURE STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH THE USG. HE ALSO SAID HE DID NOT THINK EARLY ELECTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED UNTIL AFTER HIS RETURN.

2. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM MARCH 11 "MA'ARIV" INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR. SUMMARY WAS REPORTED IN REF B. FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SHAMIR WERE NOT PRINTED IN QUOTATION MARKS.

BEGIN TEXT.

WE'LL ENTER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PERMANENT STATUS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THERE THE POSSIBILITY WILL ARISE OF PRESENTING THE DEMAND OF TERRITORIES FOR PEACE.

IN MY OPINION, NOTHING WILL COME OF THE SHULTZ INITIATIVE - FOR IT IS VERY CONTRIVED. THE ISSUE PER SE, THE NEED TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES IN SO SHORT A TIME BY AN OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION - THERE'S AN ACCUMULATION OF ALL THE POSSIBLE OBSTACLES.

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THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE: HUSSEIN DOESN'T INTEND TO DO A THING. NOR CAN HE CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING. THE PRINCIPAL MOTIVATION OF THE INITIATIVE WAS THE RIOTS IN THE TERRITORIES. HUSSEIN HASN'T THE LEAST BIT OF INFLUENCE. ON THE CONTRARY, AT THE MENTION OF HIS NAME IN THE TERRITORIES, THERE IS AN UPROAR OF FURY. SO WHAT CAN HE DO TOWARD CALMING THE TERRITORIES OR CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A POLITICAL SOLUTION? BUT LO AND BEHOLD, THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO WOO HIM WITH WORDS OF FLATTERY AND WITH CONCESSIONS.

PEACE IS SOMETHING HE CANNOT MAKE ON HIS OWN. THE ONLY POSITIVE THING ABOUT HIM IS HIS FEAR OF THE RIOTS SPREADING INTO JORDAN. AND OVER THERE THEY DON'T GO IN FOR FINESSE - THEY STRAIGHTAWAY OPEN FIRE.

I DON'T THINK THE PALESTINIANS CAN TAKE OVER JORDAN, OVERWHELM IT. THAT'S BEYOND THE POWER OF CHILDREN. ESPECIALLY AS WITHIN A DAY OR TWO - THAT (THE RIOTING) WILL BE SUPPRESSED. ONLY AN ARMY CAN BRING OFF A COUP D'ETAT, AND THERE THE ARMY MEN AREN'T PALESTINIANS. HUSSEIN IS A GREAT "SURVIVOR" (SHAMIR USES THE ENGLISH WORD). HE WILL MANEUVER WITH THE PLO. BUT HE DOESN'T WANT A PALESTINIAN STATE. NOT EVEN A CONFEDERATION

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BECAUSE THAT MEANS A PALESTINIAN STATE IN PART OF THE KINGDOM.

MAYBE THE AMERICANS HAVE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PLO AND ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO. I DO NOT EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY.

I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP AND BACK OUT OF THE TRIP (TO WASHINGTON). EVEN IF THEY ALL SPEAK OUT AGAINST ME. WHY SHOULD I DODGE? I HAVE TO STAND UP TO IT| THEY HAVE COMPLAINTS - I SHALL ANSWER THEM. LIKEWISE THE SENATORS. THEY'RE AN EXCELLENT LOT, BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING. SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT I AM AGAINST PEACE IN RETURN FOR TERRITORIES. HOW OFTEN DOES ISRAEL HAVE TO PAY? WE SHALL ENTER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PERMANENT STATUS AND THERE THE POSSIBILITY WILL ARISE TO PRESENT THE DEMAND OF TERRITORIES FOR PEACE. I SHALL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.

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THE USA IS UNDER AN OBLIGATION. THERE'S CAMP DAVID AND THERE ARE REAGAN'S LETTERS TO BEGIN. SO WHY SHOULD WE SURRENDER? IF WE CONCLUDE A NEW AGREEMENT NOT BASED ON CAMP DAVID, THEN AFTERWARDS THEY WILL ANNUL THAT TOO. AND ARE THERE ANY ARABS READY TO SURRENDER ANYTHING? DO THEY HAVE IT IN THEIR POWER TO

MAKE CONCESSIONS?

IF WE DO NOT SUPPRESS THE RIOTS - THINGS WILL GO ON THE WAY THEY'RE GOING. A POLITICAL SOLUTION - THAT'S A MATTER FOR THE FUTURE.

THERE ARE 20 THOUSAND QUESTIONS. IN THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT THERE IS NOT THE TERM DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS,

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ONLY NEGOTIATIONS, FOR THE ARABS DON'T LIKE THIS TERM. THEY WANT TO EXTRACT FROM US CRUCIAL CONCESSIONS WITHOUT THEIR GIVING ANYTHING IN RETURN.

SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY DECIDE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF 242 AND A WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE TERRITORIES. WE CANNOT BE ALL THE TIME DEPENDENT ON THE GOOD GRACES OF THE USA. THE USA HAS YIELDED ON THE DEMAND FOR A CONFERENCE. BUT ISRAEL WILL EMERGE

SLASHED TO PIECES, NOT JUST HER IMAGE, BUT IN PRACTICE. EUROPE TOO WANTS AN ARAB GAIN AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE. THE DECISIVE MOMENT THIS WEEK WAS IN BRUSSELS.

I CONVINCED THE (AMERICAN) ADMINISTRATION THAT CAMP DAVID IS A GOOD THING. THEY LEFT IT IN THE DOCUMENT - BUT REMOVED FROM IT THE ELEMENTS THAT SUIT ISRAEL. THEY QUELLED THE SPIRIT OF IT.

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WHAT NEEDS DOING? LET'S TAKE CAMP DAVID SERIOUSLY, AND I SHALL SUGGEST HOW THIS SHALL BE DONE. THE CONTENT RELATING TO AUTONOMY - THAT ONLY SERVES (THE INTERESTS OF) THE PALESTINIANS. MUBARAK TOO HAS WELL PHRASED IT; ONLY ON ACCOUNT OF THE ARABS' PRESSURE, HAVE THE EGYPTIANS STOPPED (SAYING AS MUCH).

SO THE INITIATIVE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. REAGAN HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT THE FRIENDSHIP WILL OVERCOME - AND BE STRENGTHENED DESPITE - DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN US. WELL, WHAT IS THIS IF NOT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION?

- WE ARE COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATIONS ON A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT, THAT IS NEGOTIATIONS ON TERRITORIES, ON SOVEREIGNTY. IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS I SHALL NO LONGER BE AROUND. BUT IF IN DECEMBER WE SIT DOWN TO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PERMANENT STATUS, WE SHALL NOT GET TO ANY SOLUTION.

THE DOCUMENT SPEAKS OF OVERALL PEACE, AIRILY SO, BUT WHOLLY ABSENT FROM ITS TEXT IS A PEACE TREATY.

HOW WILL IT END (UNDER THE SHULTZ PLAN)? WE SHALL GO TO A CONFERENCE, ENTER A SODOM OF HASTY NEGOTIATIONS - TO THE SATISFACTION OF HUSSEIN WHO WILL NOT HAVE GIVEN A THING, NOT EVEN A PEACE TREATY, NOR HAVE APPEASED THE TERRITORIES. THAT IS WHAT THE USA IS GIVING - AT OUR EXPENSE - TO HUSSEIN, TO THE SOVIET UNION AND TO EUROPE.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - THAT WAS PERES' SATANIC NOTION.

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I DO WANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS, ON AUTONOMY, ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR COEXISTENCE AND, IN THE COURSE OF TIME, ON THE PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

THE INHABITANTS OF THE TERRITORIES NO LONGER COUNT ON (SUPPORT FROM) ARAB COUNTRIES. IF WE WITHDRAW FROM THE TERRITORIES, THEY WILL BECOME A LEBANON.

THE PITY OF IT IS THAT THE USA IS SPOILING A SITUATION THAT IS IN ITS OWN BEST INTEREST. IT HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AND WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. IT HAS STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT. WITH EGYPT MORE SO THAN WITH US. THE USA HAS NEVER BEFORE HAD IT SO GOOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NOW WANTS TO SPOIL THINGS. END TEXT. HUGHES

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1. SUMMARY: LABOR AND LIKUD MINISTERS CRITICIZED EACH OTHER'S POSITION ON THE AMERICAN PEACE PROCESS INITIATIVE AT THE MARCH 13 CABINET MEETING. THE CABINET FORMALLY APPROVED SHAMIR'S TRIP TO THE U.S., BUT NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE U.S. INITIATIVE. AFTER THE MEETING, PERES SENT SHAMIR A LETTER SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL, AND NOTED THAT SINCE THE INNER CABINET HAD NOT TAKEN A DECISION ON THE INITIATIVE, THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY SHAMIR IN WASHINGTON WOULD NOT REPRESENT THAT OF THE GOI. SHAMIR'S REPLY TO PERES WAS THAT HE WOULD REPRESENT POSITIONS CONSISTENT WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND HOLD A VOTE ON THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE AFTER HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL. IN ADDITION, LIKUD MINISTERS CRITICIZED ABBA EBAN FOR VISITING THE U.S. THE SAME TIME AS SHAMIR. "PEACE NOW" AND THE "NATIONAL CAMP" ALSO HELD MASS RALLIES IN TEL AVIV OVER THE WEEKEND.

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END SUMMARY.

2. NO DECISION ON INITIATIVE AT CABINET SESSION

AT THE MARCH 13 CABINET SESSION, LABOR MINISTERS SUPPORTED THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE AND CRITICIZED PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S REACTION TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL. LIKUD MINISTERS, IN TURN, REJECTED THE CRITICISM AND DEFENDED THE PRIME MINISTER. THE

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CABINET FORMALLY APPROVED SHAMIR'S TRIP TO THE U.S. AS EXPECTED, SHAMIR DID NOT CALL FOR A VOTE ON THE U.S. INITIATIVE. HE PROMISED THAT ON HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL HE WOULD BRING THE INITIATIVE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT FOR A DECISION.

3. PERES LETTER AND SHAMIR REPLY

SOON AFTER THE CABINET MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER PERES SENT SHAMIR A LETTER CALLING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE, AND NOTED THAT SHAMIR'S POSITION ON THE INITIATIVE DID NOT REPRESENT THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL SINCE THE INNER CABINET HAD NOT TAKEN A DECISION. SHAMIR RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD NOT HIDE FROM THE USG THE DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS IN THE GOI. HE STRESSED THAT THE POSITIONS HE WOULD TAKE IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT'S GUIDELINES. SHAMIR ALSO PROMISED TO BRING THE U.S. INITIATIVE FOR A VOTE BEFORE THE CABINET OR INNER CABINET (EITHER WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM) ON HIS RETURN. SEE PARAS. 6-7 FOR OUR TRANSLATIONS OF THE FULL TEXTS OF THE TWO LETTERS.

4. MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN TEL AVIV

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"PEACE NOW" HELD ANOTHER OF ITS CONTINUING WEEKEND DEMONSTRATIONS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, THEN ON SUNDAY NIGHT IT WAS THE TURN OF THE "NATIONAL CAMP" (LIKUD, TEHIYA, TZOMET, KACH, MORASHA, NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY YOUTH, ET AL). BOTH DEMONSTRATIONS ATTRACTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PARTICIPANTS TO TEL AVIV'S LARGEST SQUARE, WITH THE "NATIONAL CAMP" RALLY CONSIDERABLY LARGER AND FLOWING INTO THE NEIGHBORING STREETS.

5. BOTH RALLIES EMPHASIZED PEACE, BUT EACH WITH ITS OWN TWIST. THE MORE SOMBER "PEACE NOW" EVENT SUPPORTED THE U.S. INITIATIVE AND DISSATISFACTION WITH THE OCCUPATION. IN CONTRAST, THE "NATIONAL CAMP" DEMONSTRATION WAS ALMOST FESTIVE IN ITS SUPPORT FOR SHAMIR'S OPPOSITION TO THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE AND ISRAELI CONTROL OF THE WHOLE LAND OF ISRAEL. SINCE GUSH EMUNIM AND THE RELIGIOUS NATIONALIST RIGHT WERE THE ORIGINAL SPONSORS OF THE EVENT, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE "KNITTED SKULLCAP" IN ORIENTATION, WITH MANY FROM SETTLEMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES. HOUSING MINISTER LEVY AND DEPUTY MINISTER MILO (ON HIS WAY TO JOIN SHAMIR'S FLIGHT TO THE U.S.), SPEAKING FOR THE LIKUD, STRESSED SHAMIR WOULD BE FIRM. NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY ACTIVIST AND

GUSH EMUNIM LEADER HANAN PORAT EMPHASIZED SETTLEMENT
(IN THE TERRITORIES), SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION AS THE
ANSWERS TO THE THREAT TO THE WHOLE LAND OF ISRAEL.
6. OUR TRANSLATION OF PERES' LETTER TO SHAMIR
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

TO MR. YITZHAK SHAMIR, PRIME MINISTER, JERUSALEM:

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MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOUR REFUSAL TO PUT SECRETARY OF
STATE GEORGE SHULTZ' PROPOSAL TO A VOTE IS CREATING
AN UNBEARABLE SITUATION AND THE SAME APPLIES TO THE
PROPOSALS YOU INTEND TO RAISE IN THE U.S. WITHOUT
HAVING BROUGHT THEM TO THE INNER CABINET BEFOREHAND.
THESE WEEKS ARE CRITICAL TO THE PEACE PROCESS, WEEKS
IN WHICH WHAT COULD BE CREATED IS EITHER A

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BREAKTHROUGH IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS OR, HEAVEN
FORBID, A POLITICAL BLUNDER THAT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LABOR PARTY, WHO
CONSTITUTE HALF OF THE INNER CABINET MEMBERS, FAVOR
THIS INITIATIVE AND ARE DEMANDING THAT IT BE ACCEPTED
AS A BASIS FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH A
JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION. AN IMMEDIATE
ISRAELI ANSWER IS ESSENTIAL BOTH TO ENABLE THE
PROCESS TO OPEN WITH AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH
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NO COERCIVE AUTHORITY AS SOON AS NEXT MONTH, AND FOR
THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS
TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY THIS YEAR.

A POSITIVE ANSWER TODAY WOULD ENABLE THE PROCESS TO
BEGIN DURING THE TERM IN OFFICE OF THE FRIENDLIEST
U.S. ADMINISTRATION THAT ISRAEL HAS EVER KNOWN. IN
THIS CONTEXT, A DIALOGUE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION,
CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS
THEMSELVES AND THE FUTURE OF ISRAELI U.S.-RELATIONS
IN ALL SPHERES, WOULD ALSO BE FACILITATED. THESE
TRENDS WOULD ALSO GUARANTEE THE CONTINUATION OF U.S.
SUPPORT ON MATTERS ESSENTIAL TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL
DURING THE TERM OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S AND
SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ' SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN
INNER CABINET DECISION, YOUR POSITIONS ON THE SHULTZ
INITIATIVE DO NOT REPRESENT THE POSITION OF THE
GOI. I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL ADOPT THE CUSTOM YOU
HAVE PROPOSED, FOR YOURSELF, TO EXPLAIN TO ALL YOUR
INTERLOCUTORS IN THE U.S. THAT THE GOI IS DIVIDED ON
THIS ISSUE, THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE AND SO
YOUR POSITION IS NOT BINDING ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL.
WITH GREETINGS, SHIMON PERES

END TEXT.

7. OUR TRANSLATION OF SHAMIR'S REPLY TO PERES
FOLLOWS:

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TO MR. SHIMON PERES, VICE PRIME MINISTER:

GREETINGS, I CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER REGARDING MY TRIP TO THE U.S. THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE CABINET TODAY. THE POINTS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER ARE KNOWN TO ME, OF COURSE, FROM THE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS IN THE CABINET AND INNER CABINET. WE ADDRESSED IN HOSE DISCUSSIONS MY POSITION AND THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ITS RISKS AND DIFFICULTIES. AS I HAVE PROPOSED, I INTEND L CONTINUE MAKING CLARIFICATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE DURING MY VISIT TO THE U.S. AND, AFTER MY RETURN, I WILL BE HAPPY TO BRING THE ISSUE TO THE CABINET OR INNER CABINET FOR DECISION WITHOUT DELAY (FROM MY VIEWPOINT, BOTH FORUMS ARE ACCEPTABLE). I HOPE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND THE U.S. THAT HAVE RECEIVED GREAT MOMENTUM WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED ALONG THE SAME POSITIVE LINES. YOU CAN BE VERY SURE THAT THE PROPOSALS AND IDEAS THAT I WILL RAISE IN THE TALKS WILL ALL BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BASIC GUIDELINES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICY.

THERE IS NO NEED TO REMIND THE AMERICANS, BUT NEITHER WILL I CONCEAL, THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION IN THE GOI AND THAT ON THE ISSUE OF THE SHULTZ INITIATIVE NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO PRESENT WHAT UNITES US AND WHAT WE HAVE IN COMMON IN THE VARIOUS REALMS, RATHER THAN WHAT DIVIDES US. WITH GREETINGS, YITZHAK SHAMIR

END TEXT. HUGHES

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HIGHLIGHTS

-- SHEIKH ZAYED OF UAE ARRIVES IN CAIRO FOR TALKS WITH MUBARAK.

-- SUDANESE MEDIATES BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA.

-- A SOVIET MUSLIM DELEGATION IN CAIRO; A SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO ARRIVE SHORTLY.

-- PM SEDKY, ON BEHALF OF MUBARAK, ADDRESSES THE ARAB INVESTMENT CONFERENCE HELD IN CAIRO.

-- CONTINUED CRITICISM OF PM SEDKY.

-- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD REPORTS ON EGYPTIAN INTERVENTION TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AMONG SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, AND SOMALIA.
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STABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. EGYPT/UAE. THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL PAPERS REPORTS THE ARRIVAL OF SHEIKH ZAYED OF UAE IN CAIRO AMIDST A WARM WELCOME BY THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. IN A PRESS STATEMENT UPON HIS ARRIVAL, SHEIKH ZAYED SAID THAT CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES ENTAILED INTENSIFICATION OF MEETINGS TO DISCUSS ARAB AND ISLAMIC ISSUES. OFFICIAL TALKS BETWEEN MUBARAK AND SHEIKH ZAYED WILL START TODAY MARCH 14 AND WILL FOCUS ON THREE MAIN ISSUES: THE GULF WAR, THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS, IN ADDITION TO ECONOMIC AND MILITARY COOPERATION.

2. PEACE PROCESS. ALL PAPERS REPORT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN ISRAEL AND THE US AGAINST SHAMIR'S REJECTION OF US PEACE PROPOSALS. REPORTEDLY, THERE IS AN ACUTE POLITICAL DIFFERENCE IN ISRAEL THREATENING TO LEAD TO THE DEPOSITION OF PERES. MEANWHILE, OFFICIAL SOURCES IN WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY SECRETARY SHULTZ FOR SETTLING THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE. THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE PRESS INCLUDE:

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DELEGATION, AND THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL;
-- NEGOTIATIONS IN MAY AMONG ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND ISRAEL
AND SYRIA ON PALESTINIAN SELF-RULE WITHIN SIX MONTHS;
-- NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN

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DELEGATION TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER TO DETERMINE THE FINAL STATUS OF THE TERRITORIES; AND,

-- THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE FINAL STATUS OF THE TERRITORIES IN DECEMBER 1989.

ON CLOSURE OF PLO OFFICE, AHRAH'S DAILY COLUMNIST AHMAD BAHAR EL-DIN CRITICIZES THE US DECISION TO CLOSE THE PLO OFFICE AT THE UN, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE DECISION WAS MADE RIGHT BEFORE SHAMIR'S VISIT. THE COLUMNIST REFERS TO A LAWSUIT FILED BY ARAB AMERICAN LAWYER ABDIN JEBARA ATTACKING THE US FOR INSULTING THE UN AND THE PLO, AND CRITICIZING THE US FOR ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST WALDHEIM, CONCLUDING THAT RIGHTS IN THE US ARE GIVEN ONLY TO THOSE WHO ARE POWERFUL.

3. ARAB LEAGUE. PAPERS QUOTE MFA FIRST UNDERSECRETARY OSAMA AL-BAZ AS SAYING IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE SAUDI-BASED PAPER "AL-YAWM" THAT THE PRESENT COORDINATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES MAKES EGYPT'S RETURN TO THE ARAB LEAGUE JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

4. SUDANESE MEDIATION. AKHBAR REPORTS HEAD OF THE SUDANESE STATE COUNCIL AL-MIRGHANY STATED BEFORE LEAVING FOR TRIPOLI THAT HE WAS CARRYING "COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS" TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA. THESE PROPOSALS INCLUDE STOPPING ALL PRESS CAMPAIGNS, NONINTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM THE BORDERS, THEN RESUMING TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AHRAH REPORTS PM SEDKY WILL VISIT SUDAN ON MARCH 25. SEDKY WILL HOLD TALKS ON FINAL SIGNING OF THE EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE FRATERNAL CHARTER.

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5. EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN CONTACTS. AKHBAR REPORTS AHMAD AL-AMAWY, HEAD OF THE EGYPTIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION, CONFERRED WITH FATAH MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVE IN CAIRO ZOHDY AL-QADRA ON THE CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AL-AMAWY EXPRESSED TRADE UNION WORKERS' SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING AGAINST THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION, AND FOR PLO LEADER ARAFAT.

6. EGYPT/USSR. AKHBAR REPORTS MINISTER OF AWQAF MOHAMMAD ALI MAHGOUB DISCUSSED WITH A DELEGATION OF SOVIET MUSLIMS MEANS OF CONSOLIDATING EGYPT'S RELATIONS IN THE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL FIELDS WITH THE MUSLIMS IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND PROVIDING THEM WITH SCHOLARSHIPS AT AL-AZHAR. THE SOVIET MUFTI, WHO IS HEADING THE DELEGATION, EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO MINISTER MAHGOUB TO VISIT THE MUSLIMS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AHRAM REPORTS THREE SENIOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL EXPERTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION WILL ARRIVE WITHIN THE COMING FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS A DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. DURING THE VISIT, AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED ON THE FORMATION OF THE JOINT EGYPTIAN-SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

7. EGYPT/JORDAN. AHRAM REPORTS A JORDANIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WILL VISIT CAIRO MARCH 22 HEADED BY SPEAKER AKEF AL-FAYEZ.

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8. EGYPT/US. AHAM REPORTS AID IS CONSIDERING
 CONTRIBUTING TO FINANCING THE REPAIR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES,
 INCREASING AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, AND
 DEVELOPING SERVICES IN THE LIGHT OF MUBARAK'S TALKS IN THE
 US. THE CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE THROUGH GRANTS AND LOANS
 ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS 1.798 BILLION.

 DOMESTIC NEWS

9. ADDRESS BY PRIME MINISTER. ALL PAPERS PROVIDE

PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PM SEDKY'S ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF MUBARAK TO THE ARAB INVESTMENT CONFERENCE HELD IN CAIRO. SEDKY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN EXERTING EFFORTS TO OBLITERATE ALL OBSTACLES FACING INVESTORS, ADDING THAT

TOP PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO EXPORT-ORIENTED PROJECTS. SEDKY NOTED THAT EGYPT HAD WITNESSED MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELDS OF PRODUCTION AND SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN THE SECTORS OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, RECONSTRUCTION, AND TOURISM. SEDKY REITERATED RELIANCE ON BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

IN A RELATED ITEM, AHRAH REPORTS MINECONOMY DR. YOUSRI MOUSTAFA SAID ARAB INVESTMENT IN EGYPT IS ONE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AXES IN THE ARAB WORLD, AS ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT THERE IS AN ARAB SURPLUS OF DOLLARS 1.050 BILLION, ALTHOUGH THE ARAB ECONOMY SUFFERS FROM NEGATIVE ASPECTS SUCH AS THE CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS AND INDEBTEDNESS.

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10. CRITICISM OF PM. IN HIS FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN AKHBAR, MUSA SABRY CRITICIZES PM SEDKY FOR HIS ISOLATION AND FOR HIS REFRAINING FROM GIVING ANY EXPLANATION TO THE PRESS ABOUT ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. SABRY FURTHER CRITICIZES SEDKY'S GOVERNMENT FOR NOT DECLARING ITS STAND ABOUT OBSTACLES FACING THE MASSES, SUCH AS IN THE ISSUES OF LAND RECLAMATION, PRICE INCREASES, AND SHORTAGES OF COMMODITIES.

1. LIFTING OF PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY REJECTED. UMHOURIYYA REPORTS THE SHURA COUNCIL REJECTED LIFTING OF PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY OF INTERIOR MINISTER ZAKI BADR AND MINISTER OF MANPOWER ASSEM ABDEL HAQ. THE COUNCIL DECIDED THAT BRINGING A MINISTER TO TRIAL WAS THE RIGHT OF THE RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ONLY. COMMENT: THE INTERIOR MINISTER HAD REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH COURT RULINGS DECREERING THE RELEASE 36 DEFENDANTS. THE MINISTER OF MANPOWER HAD ALSO REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH A COURT RULING DECREERING THE PROMOTION OF AN EMPLOYEE. END COMMENT)

2. PETROLEUM SECTOR. AHRAH REPORTS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM QANDIL HAS SIGNED YESTERDAY 5 NEW AGREEMENTS FOR THE PETROLEUM SEARCH AND EXPLOITATION WITH CONOCO AT AREAS F DABAA, FEGOURE, NORTH SUTRA, AND NORTH AND WEST RAS ATTARA, ACCORDING TO THE PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENTS SYSTEM.

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3. LOCAL CEMENT PRODUCTION. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT CEMENT
RODUCTION THIS YEAR WILL REACH 13 MILLION TONS, TO BE
NCREASED TO 14 MILLION AS OF NEXT YEAR. EGYPT'S

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CONSUMPTION OF CEMENT IS ABOUT 15.5 MILLION ANNUALLY. A PLAN HAS BEEN DRAWN UP TO ENSURE THAT EGYPTIAN PRODUCTION OF CEMENT WILL REACH 17 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY.

14. TRANSPORT LOSSES. AKHBAR REPORTS THE CHAIRMAN OF CAIRO PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY SAID THERE WERE LE 106 MILLION LOSSES DURING THE PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF THE LOW BUS AND TRAM FARES (PT 10 AND PT 5). HE ASKED THAT THESE FARES BE RECONSIDERED.

15. EXCHANGE RATE. ALL PAPERS REPORT THE EXCHANGE RATE OR MARCH 14 IS LE 2.23.5 (BUYING) AND LE 2.24.1 (SELLING).

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16. EGYPTIAN MEDIATION. THE LEAD ITEM IN AL-WAFD REPORTS THAT EGYPT WILL INTERVENE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AMONG SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, AND SOMALIA. ACCORDING TO AL-WAFD, A TRIPARTITE MUBARAK-MAHDY-MENGISTU SUMMIT MIGHT BE HELD IN CAIRO BEFORE THE OAU CONFERENCE IN MAY. AL-WAFD ADDS THAT EGYPT WILL CONCENTRATE DURING THE COMING PERIOD ON ESTABLISHING JOINT PROJECTS BETWEEN CAIRO, KHARTOUM, AND ADDIS ABABA TO DEVELOP WATER RESOURCES IN ORDER TO CONFRONT DROUGHT. EGYPT WILL ALSO FOCUS ON DISCUSSING THE RED SEA SECURITY ISSUE AND MAKING THIS REGION AN AREA REMOTE FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS.

17. EGYPT/IMF. AL-WAFD REPORTS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CAIRO AND THE IMF WILL START IN CAIRO TOMORROW MARCH 15.
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THE NEGOTIATIONS SUPPOSEDLY WILL SETTLE THE ACUTE CRISES FACING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS ACCORD. EGYPT WILL STIPULATE THAT IT GETS 800 MILLION DOLLARS BEFORE CARRYING OUT THE LAST THIRD STAGE OF THE IMF CONDITIONS. EGYPT

WILL ALSO ASK FOR 150 MILLION DOLLARS AND REQUEST INTERVENTION OF THE FUND TO PERSUADE THE CREDITOR STATES TO BE FLEXIBLE ON RESCHEDULING ITS DEBTS.

18. PM REFUSES TO MEET WITH THE OPPOSITION. AL-AHRAR REPORTS THAT PM SEDKY REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NDP-OPPOSITION MEETING IN PROTEST AGAINST HIS BEING CRITICIZED BY AL-SHAAB'S EDITOR IN CHIEF MARCH 8. IN A RELATED ITEM, AL-AHRAR REPORTS LIBERAL PARTY LEADER MUSTAFA KAMEL MURAD AFFIRMED THAT THE ATEF SEDKY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE NECESSARY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TO RESOLVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT.

19. ELECTRICITY SECTOR. AL-WAFD REPORTS ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY VICE CHAIRMAN DR. HAMDI EL SHAER ANNOUNCED THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF LINKING THE ELECTRICITY GRIDS BETWEEN EGYPT AND JORDAN WAS ENTRUSTED TO A FRENCH INVESTMENT COMPANY. THE STUDY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE EGYPTIAN JORDANIAN HIGHER COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION. HE SAID THE PROJECT WAS PROMISING.
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(GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED; AROUND ONE MILLION CIRCULATION)
AND THE OPPOSITION PRESS (NORMALLY WEEKLIES). BOTH
CATEGORIES REFLECT THE INCREASING INDEPENDENCE OF THE
EGYPTIAN PRESS. THE OPPOSITION PAPERS ARE NOT ONLY
LIMITED IN CIRCULATION (10,000-60,000, EXCEPT FOR THE
WIDER CIRCULATION AL-WAFD) BUT ALSO WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS

IRRESPONSIBLE. NONETHELESS, THEIR STORIES FORM PART OF THE CAIRO RUMOR MILL; THEY CAN PROMPT DEFENSIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND INSPIRE PARALLEL STORIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS.

HIGHLIGHTS

- PRESS COMMENTS ON US POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST.
- CRITICISM OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST POLICY.
- A SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO MARCH 29.
- MUBARAK SPEAKS ABOUT A NUMBER OF ISSUES AT AN INTERVIEW TO A KUWAITI PAPER.
- ACCIDENTAL GUNSHOT NEAR THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN CAIRO.
- MUBARAK WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AND EDITORS IN CHIEF OF THE OPPOSITION PAPERS.

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- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD CLAIMS MUBARAK HAS ORDERED THE REJECTION OF THE IMF CONDITIONS.

ESTABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. PEACE PROCESS. ALL WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT SECRETARY SHULTZ IS DETERMINED TO BOOST PEACE EFFORTS DESPITE SHAMIR'S OBJECTION TO THE US PROPOSALS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MURPHY WILL INFORM THE ALLIES AND THE SOVIETS OF THE US PEACE IDEAS. THE SENATE HAS AGREED TO SECRETARY SHULTZ'S PEACE PLAN. REPORTEDLY, SECRETARY SHULTZ ACCUSED ISRAEL OF COMMITTING "SAVAGE" ATROCITIES AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS. IN A RELATED ITEM, PAPERS REPORT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CONDEMNED ISRAELI REPRESSIVE PRACTICES AND REFUSED TO SIGN 3 PROTOCOLS TO EXTEND ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL.

AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AKHBAR MARCH 11 WRITES THAT ARAFAT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 REFUTES ANY US AND ISRAELI EXCUSES TO IGNORE THE PLO, UNMASKS ISRAEL'S PRETEXTS TO DISTORT THE IMAGE OF THE PLO AND REJECT HOLDING CONTACTS WITH IT, AND DESTROYS THE

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RECOGNIZES THE UN RESOLUTIONS. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES
THAT WASHINGTON IS REQUIRED - IF IT IS REALLY SERIOUS
ABOUT RESTORING PEACE AND TRANQUILITY TO THE MIDDLE EAST
REGION - TO TERMINATE ITS BOYCOTT OF THE PLO BECAUSE THE
PALESTINIAN ISSUE, THE CAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE IN THE

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REGION, COULD NOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT THE PLO, THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

WEEKLY COLUMNIST KAMAL ABDEL RA'OUF MARCH 12 ATTACKS KISSINGER FOR CALLING UPON ISRAEL TO BREAK THE BONES OF PALESTINIANS AND IMPOSE A BLACKOUT ON PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE COLUMNIST FURTHER ATTACKS KISSINGER FOR HIS BLIND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL SINCE THE TIME OF NIXON UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME, IN SPITE OF THE CALL OF MODERATE JEWS FOR PUTTING AN END TO "MASSACRES" IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SEEKING REALIZATION OF PEACE.

2. EGYPT/ISRAEL. IN HIS WEEKLY ARTICLE IN GUMHOURIYYA MARCH 11, LOTFY NASSEF WRITES ABOUT "ZIONIST PROPAGANDA BETWEEN STRATEGY AND TACTICS." THE WRITER EXPLAINS THAT ISRAEL IS ALWAYS THE EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENT OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, AND THAT WORLD ZIONISM SHOULDERS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY BY PUTTING PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES. NASSEF REVIEWS THE EFFECT OF ZIONIST PROPAGANDA IN WINNING SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH RACE ON A BASIS OF INCULCATING THE IDEA OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND ENLISTING ALL THE JEWS IN THE WORLD FOR SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THE WRITER CALLS FOR USING THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING TO PROPAGANDIZE AGAINST THE "ENEMY" AND CONFRONT AT ALL LEVELS THE JEWISH-ZIONIST-ISRAELI PROPAGANDA ORGANIZED BY JEWISH ESTABLISHMENTS WORLDWIDE SUCH AS THE JEWISH LOBBY IN THE US THAT CONTROLS US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AND PREVENT IT FROM ACHIEVING THE ZIONIST SCHEME OF KILLING

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THE ARABS AND EXPANDING FROM THE NILE TO THE EUPHRATES.

3. EGYPT/USSR. AHAM MARCH 12 REPORTS A SOVIET DELEGATION FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PETROLEUM AND GAS TRADE UNION WORKERS WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO MARCH 29 ON A ONE-WEEK VISIT AIMED AT DISCUSSING MEANS OF RESTORING COOPERATION AND COORDINATING RELATIONS WITH THE EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM WORKERS SYNDICATE.

4. EGYPT/LIBYA. ALL PAPERS MARCH 12 REPORT THAT THE LAST LIBYAN PLANE OF THE FOUR MIGS THAT LANDED IN EGYPT MARCH 1 LEFT FOR LIBYA. MUBARAK COMMENTED BY SAYING THAT A TECHNICAL CHECKUP WAS NECESSARY LEST EGYPT BE ACCUSED OF DOING SOMETHING WRONG TO THE PLANES IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO THEM ON THEIR WAY HOME. MUBARAK EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH LIBYA, ADDING THAT THE FOUR PLANES MEANT NO AGGRESSION AND THAT THE PILOTS WERE TREATED FRATERNALLY UPON HIS REQUEST. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AKHBAR MARCH 11 REPORTS A NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS DETAINED IN LIBYA ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED TO EGYPT VIA AL-SALLOUM, NEAR THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN BORDERS.

5. EGYPT/UAE. ALL WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT SHEIKH ZAYED OF UAE WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO MARCH 13 ON A THREE-DAY VISIT TO HOLD TALKS WITH MUBARAK. AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, INFORMATION, AND LABOR WILL BE SIGNED LATER. IN THE SAME ITEM, PAPERS REPORT THE ECONOMY MINISTER OF UAE ARRIVED IN CAIRO ON A VISIT FOR A FEW DAYS DURING WHICH HE WILL ATTEND THE INAUGURATION OF THE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AHAM MARCH

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 EQUIPMENT WILL BE INAUGURATED IN UAE ON APRIL 4.

6. MUBARAK'S INTERVIEW. ALL PAPERS MARCH 12 PUBLISH
 MUBARAK'S INTERVIEW TO THE KUWAITI PAPER "AL-RA'I
 AL-AMM." ON THE PEACE PROCESS, MUBARAK SAID THERE WERE
 ENCOURAGING PEACE IDEAS THAT REQUIRED A UNIFIED ARAB
 STAND, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE ROAD TO CONVENING AN
 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS STI
 LL LONG. MUBARAK STRESSED
 THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO DEVELOP THE IDEAS PRESENTED
 BY SECRETARY SHULTZ AND NOT "SURRENDER" TO THOSE IDEAS.

REITERATING HIS CRITICISM OF SHAMIR'S OBJECTION TO ANY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS, MUBARAK CALLED FOR JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN COORDINATION, ADDING THAT "MY HAND IS EXTENDED TO SYRIA." MUBARAK EXPLAINED THAT EGYPT HAD REJECTED THE RETURN OF GAZA TO EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY, NOTING THAT EGYPT WORKED IN COORDINATION WITH JORDAN AND THAT HE PLAYED THE ROLE OF A CATALYST TO REACH BASIC OUTLINES FOR AGREEMENT. "THE AMERICANS AND THE VIETNAMESE MET IN PARIS FOR A DIALOGUE AS A START FOR SETTLEMENT." MUBARAK UNDERLINED THAT THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS SUPPORTED BY ALL, INCLUDING JEWISH LEADERS IN THE US. MUBARAK WELCOMED THE POSITIVE MODERATE CHANGE IN THE SOVIET STAND ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

ON EGYPTIAN-ARAB RELATIONS, MUBARAK SAID THAT HIS TOUR OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE COMING VISITS OF ARAB LEADERS TO EGYPT WERE AIMED AT CARRYING OUT THE JOINT ARAB DEFENSE PACT. MUBARAK REFUSED TO ANSWER A QUESTION ABOUT THE GULF COUNTRIES' WILLINGNESS TO BUY EGYPT'S DEBTS, NOTING THAT EGYPT HAD NEVER RAISED THAT SUBJECT.

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ON EGYPTIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS, MUBARAK POINTED OUT THAT DEFENSE MINISTER ABU GHAZALA'S COMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MILITARY DEBT ISSUE, BUT RATHER WOULD DEAL WITH MILITARY AID. MUBARAK POINTED OUT THAT THE ISSUE OF EGYPT'S MILITARY DEBT TO THE US WAS UNDER DISCUSSION. AS FOR EGYPT'S DEBTS TO THE SOVIET UNION, MUBARAK SAID THAT THERE WAS NO CIVIL DEBT; THE MILITARY DEBT HAD BEEN RESCHEDULED AND WOULD BE REPAID INTEREST-FREE IN THE FORM OF EGYPTIAN PRODUCTS OVER 25 YEARS AFTER A GRACE PERIOD OF 6 YEARS. "HOWEVER, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE SOVIETS' RECONSIDERING THIS DEBT IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT IS HEAVY."

ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MUBARAK REITERATED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, POINTING OUT THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMERGENCY LAW WAS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST. ABOUT THE "EGYPT'S REVOLUTION" CASE, MUBARAK EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE INVOLVEMENT OF NASSER'S SON AND AFFIRMED THAT NO ONE WAS ABOVE THE LAW. MUBARAK WARNED AGAINST "RAISING THE STAKES" IN THAT ISSUE AS WAS THE CASE IN THE ISSUE OF SULAIMAN KHATER. STRESSING ADHERENCE TO THE LAW AND RESPECT FOR THE JUDICIARY, MUBARAK SAID THAT THE DEFENDANTS WOULD BE JUSTLY ARRAIGNED. MUBARAK CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT ANY US OR ISRAELI PRESSURE HAD BEEN EXERTED WHERE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CASE WAS CONCERNED, ADDING THAT EGYPT ACCEPTED NO PRESSURE FROM ANYONE. MUBARAK REITERATED ADHERENCE TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR

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AND CONCLUDED THAT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS WERE EXERTED TO
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7. MUBARAK ADDRESSES ARAB INVESTMENT CONFERENCE. ALL WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT THAT MUBARAK WILL ADDRESS THE ARAB INVESTMENT CONFERENCE TO BE INAUGURATED MARCH 13. MUBARAK WILL SPEAK ABOUT EGYPT'S EFFORTS TO ATTRACT INVESTMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY 400 BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOREIGN COMPANIES WORKING IN EGYPT, IS AIMED AT REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON FINANCING 79 PROJECTS IN EGYPT.

8. EGYPT/US. ALL WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT EGYPT, REPRESENTED BY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MINISTER MAKRAMALLAH, AND THE US, REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR WISNER, WILL SIGN TWO AGREEMENTS TOTALLING 270 MILLION DOLLARS WITHIN THE US ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM. THE FIRST AGREEMENT IS A GRANT OF DOLLARS 100 MILLION FOR IMPORTING SPARE PARTS, RAW MATERIAL, AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR. THE SECOND AGREEMENT, TO BE ALLOCATED FOR IMPORTING WHEAT, FLOUR, AND COOKING OIL, TOTALS DOLLARS 170 MILLION AND WILL BE REPAYED OVER 40 YEARS WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 3 PER CENT AFTER A 10 YEAR GRACE PERIOD.

9. MUBARAK/OAU. AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 12 REPORTS MUBARAK APOLOGIZED FOR BEING UNABLE TO ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY BECAUSE OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE.

10. MUBARAK/HUSSEIN. ALL PAPERS MARCH 12 REPORT MUBARAK HELD FIVE-HOUR TALKS IN CAIRO WITH KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN. THE TALKS DEALT WITH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL

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ISSUES, INCLUDING THE PEACE PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY SECRETARY SHULTZ. KING HUSSEIN BRIEFED MUBARAK ON THE RESULTS OF HIS TOUR OF SYRIA, IRAQ, AND KUWAIT.

11. JAPAN. AKHBAR REPORTS JAPAN HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE A USD 15 MILLION NON-REFUNDABLE GRANT TO FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN GIZA.

DOMESTIC NEWS

12. GUNSHOT NEAR ISRAELI EMBASSY. ALL PAPERS MARCH 12 REPORT AN OFFICIAL SOURCE AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SAID THAT ON MARCH 11 A BULLET WAS FIRED ACCIDENTALLY WHILE A POLICE OFFICER POSTED NEAR THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN CAIRO WAS CLEANING HIS GUN IN HIS POLICE CAR. THE WINDSHIELD WAS SHATTERED, BUT NO INJURIES TOOK PLACE. ACCORDING TO AHAM MARCH 13, THREE OFFICERS SHOT AT THE POLICE CAR UPON HEARING GUNSHOT FIRED BY THE POLICE OFFICER.

FOUR SPENT SHELLS WERE FOUND IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY. TECHNICAL CHECKUPS INDICATED THAT THE EMPTY SHELLS BELONGED TO THE WEAPONS CARRIED BY THE OFFICERS. INVESTIGATIONS INDICATED THAT THE INCIDENT HAD NO IMPLICATIONS OR SIGNIFICANCE WHATSOEVER. (COMMENT: AL-WAFD MARCH 12 CLAIMS THAT EYEWITNESSES SAID THAT A CAR HAD OPENED FIRE AT THE EMBASSY AND THAT A POLICE OFFICER WAS INJURED AND WAS RUSHED TO HOSPITAL. AL-WAFD ADDS THAT TRACES OF BULLETS WERE FOUND ON THE BUILDING OF THE EMBASSY. END COMMENT)

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13. MUBARAK WILL MEET WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES. ALL PAPERS MARCH 11 REPORT NDP SECRETARY GENERAL YOUSSEF WALLY SAID AT THE END OF AN NDP-OPPOSITION MEETING AT THE RESIDENCE OF LABOR PARTY LEADER IBRAHIM SHUKRY THAT MUBARAK WOULD MEET SHORTLY WITH LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AND THE EDITORS IN CHIEF OF THE OPPOSITION PAPERS. WALLY SAID THAT THE POINTS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NDP AND THE OPPOSITION WERE MORE THAN THE POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT. IBRAHIM SHUKRY SAID THAT THE CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO WAS A POSITIVE ASPECT, ADDING THAT THE ISSUE OF STOPPING THE APPLICATION OF THE EMERGENCY LAW CALLED FOR BY THE OPPOSITION WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NDP.

14. "LAW TAILOR." AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 12 REPORTS THAT A

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MEMBER IS CURRENTLY FORMULATING A NEW BILL TO SUBMIT TO THE PROPOSALS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE. THE BILL IS AIMED AT INTIMIDATING THE PRESS BY STIPULATING THE IMPRISONMENT OF ANY REPORTER OR WRITER WHO CRITICIZES ANY OFFICIAL. THE "LAW TAILOR" IS SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED BY A HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL AT THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.

15. CRITICISM OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. IN HIS DAILY COLUMN IN AKHBAR MARCH 11, MUSTAFA AMIN CRITICIZES THE DETERIORATING CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AS SEEN FROM THE DEBATE BETWEEN THE SUPPLY MINISTER AND DEPUTIES, WHICH REVEALED THAT SOME MEMBERS ACTUALLY ATTACK AND OBJECT TO SPITE MINISTERS OR TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL GAINS.

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AMIN NOTES THAT DEPUTIES ALWAYS LEAVE THEIR SEATS DURING DISCUSSIONS AND GATHER AROUND MINISTERS REQUESTING THEIR SIGNATURES AND ASKING THEM FOR FAVORS. AMIN CALLS FOR FORMING A FACT-FINDING COMMISSION AS A MEANS OF REFORMING AND RECTIFYING THE ASSEMBLY SO AS TO BE LIKE THE CONGRESS OR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

16. ASSIUT UNIVERSITY STUDENT STRIKE OVER. AHRAH MARCH 11 REPORTS A NUMBER OF ISLAMIC GROUP STUDENTS AT ASSIUT UNIVERSITY HAVE ENDED THEIR THREE-DAY SIT-IN/HUNGER STRIKE AFTER A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY. (THE STRIKE WAS IN PROTEST AGAINST REPRESSIVE SECURITY MEASURES AND DETENTION OF COLLEAGUES WHO WERE MEMBERS OF ISLAMIC GROUPS.)

17. ELECTRICITY PROJECTS. AHRAH MARCH 12 REPORTS THAT LE 120 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO CARRY OUT NEW ELECTRICITY PROJECTS IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN. IT IS EXPECTED THAT 7 ELECTRICITY COMPANIES WILL ACHIEVE REVENUES AMOUNTING TO LE 1 BILLION DURING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WITH AN INCREASE OF 41.6 PER CENT OVER REVENUES REALIZED LAST YEAR.

18. MUBARAK-CABINET MEETING. THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL PAPERS MARCH 13 REPORTS THE MEETING HELD BY MUBARAK WITH THE CABINET UNTIL MIDNIGHT. MUBARAK UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF INSPECTING MARKETS TO PREVENT SPECULATION ON PRICES. A COMMITTEE HEADED BY PM SEDKY WILL BE FORMED TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE DECISION ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES RUNNING INTO LOSSES. MUBARAK CALLED UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF FACTS AT TIMES OF CRISES. MUBARAK REVIEWED

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THE CABINET THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT SINCE ITS FORMATION IN NOVEMBER 1986, DISCUSSING AMONG OTHER TOPICS: INFLATION, ECONOMIC REFORM, INVESTMENT LAW, RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY, LAND RECLAMATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 5 YEAR PLAN.

19. CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. EDITOR IN CHIEF OF ROSE EL-YOUSSEF WEEKLY PERIODICAL MAHMOUD AL-TUHAMI CRITICIZES THE ATEF SEDKY GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING DONE NOTHING TO EASE THE SUFFERING OF CITIZENS.

PRICES HAVE GONE UP AND COMMODITIES HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE MARKETS AND PM SEDKY STILL KEEPS SILENT AND PRESENTS NO DEFINITE EXPLANATION. BESIDES, THERE ARE MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT IMPEDIMENTS IN THE WAY OF DECLARED POLICIES SUCH AS LAND RECLAMATION OR CULTIVATION OF RECLAIMED LANDS. OTHER PROBLEMS HAVE GROWN MORE ACUTE, SUCH AS UNEMPLOYMENT. IT IS STRANGE, THE WRITER NOTES, THAT ALL THE IMPLEMENTED DEVELOPMENTS PROJECTS HAVE ACHIEVED NO REVENUES; AND IT IS ALSO STRANGE THAT EGYPT'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND UTILIZE ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS TO SERVE DEVELOPMENT HAVE NO TANGIBLE EFFECT.

20. ON THE CALL FOR WAR. IN AHRAM MARCH 10, PROMINENT WRITER NAGUIB MAHFOUZ CRITICIZES THOSE WHO CALL FOR EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION IN WARS, WHETHER IN THE GULF OR ELSEWHERE. MAHFOUZ NOTES THAT HIS GENERATION HAS LIVED THROUGH FOUR ARAB-ISRAELI WARS AS WELL AS THE YEMEN WAR, AND REALIZES THAT GOING TO WAR IS NOT A DECISION TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. THE WRITER UNDERLINES THAT THERE ARE THREE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR ENGAGING IN A WAR: FIRST, THE

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AIM OF WAR SHOULD BE CONVINCING TO THE SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS SO THAT SACRIFICES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE; SECOND, THERE HAS TO BE A STRONG ARMY CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING A VICTORY AND ENDURING THE DISASTERS OF WAR EVEN IF THIS WAR LASTS FOR LONG; AND THIRD, THE COUNTRY MUST BE PREPARED FOR WAR ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY.

21. PHARMACEUTICAL PRICES. AHARAM REPORTS THAT ACCORDING

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TO RESPONSIBLE SOURCES AT THE PHARMACEUTICAL AUTHORITY,
NEW PRICES FOR MEDICINES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY.
THE NEW PRICES WILL BE DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT
SHORTAGES OF SOME PHARMACEUTICALS.

22. EXCHANGE RATES. ALL PAPERS REPORT THE BANK EXCHANGE
RATE FOR MARCH 13 IS: USD 1 EQUALS L.E. 2.235 (BUYING)
AND L.E. 2.241 (SELLING).

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23. EGYPT/IMF. AL-WAFD MARCH 11 REPORTS MUBARAK GAVE
STRICT INSTRUCTION TO REJECT THE IMF CONDITIONS REGARDING
ABOLISHING OF SUBSIDIES ALTOGETHER AND RAISING PRICES OF
ENERGY, ELECTRICITY, AND DRINKING WATER. ACCORDING TO
AL-WAFD, ARAB COUNTRIES WILL GRANT EGYPT YEARLY ECONOMIC
AID AND SOFT-TERM LOANS TO FACE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

24. ISRAELI PROTEST. AL-WAFD MARCH 11 REPORTS THE
ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY SUMMONED THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR
TO TEL AVIV AND HANDED TO HIM A STRONGLY WORDED PROTEST,

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ACCUSING EGYPT OF FACILITATING THE PALESTINIAN COMMANDO OPERATION IN THE NEGEV DESERT. ISRAEL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE FREQUENCY OF PALESTINIAN "SABOTAGE" OPERATIONS ALONG THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI BORDERS.

25. EGYPT/USSR. AL-WAFD MARCH 12 REPORTS THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES AGREED TO REOPEN THE SOVIET CULTURAL CENTER IN CAIRO AS OF MARCH 15. SAWT AL-ARAB MARCH 13 REPORTS THAT THE DATE OF MUBARAK'S VISIT TO THE USSR WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT MONTH. (COMMENT: OPPOSITION AL-AHALI MARCH 9 REPORTED THAT MUBARAK WAS NOT EXPECTED TO VISIT THE USSR THIS YEAR. END COMMENT)

26. NUCLEAR REACTOR. AL-WAFD MARCH 11 REPORTS ENERGY EXPERTS ARE DISCUSSING ESTABLISHMENT OF A TENTATIVE REACTOR IN THE PRESENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN IN COOPERATION WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT HAS EARMARKED LE 20 MILLION FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT.

27. REUTER REPORT. AL-WAFD MARCH 12 NOTES THAT A REPORT

BY REUTER NEWS AGENCY ON THE ECONOMIC CONDITION IN EGYPT INDICATED THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE AFRAID OF ERUPTION OF "BREAD RIOTS" AS A RESULT OF SHORTAGES OF COMMODITIES. THE REPORT ADDED THAT CITIZENS BELIEVED THAT THE SCARCITY OF COMMODITIES WAS PART OF A GOVERNMENT PLAN TO RAISE THE PRICES.

28. INTERVIEW WITH QADHAFI. SAWT AL-ARAB MARCH 13 CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH COLONEL QADHAFI, WHO SAID THAT HE RESPECTED THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE BUT SAID THAT THE LIBYAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIO CAMPAIGN AGAINST EGYPT WAS BECAUSE OF EGYPT'S RADIO CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBYA. QADHAFI REFERRED TO THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING AND SAID THAT IT HAD PROVED THAT PALESTINE WOULD NOT BE RETRIEVED BY BEGGING FOR PEACE.

29. INTEREST ON FOREIGN DEBTS. AL-WAFD MARCH 13 REPORTS THAT EGYPT WILL HAVE TO PAY 7.5 BILLION DOLLARS AS INTEREST ON ITS FOREIGN DEBTS, WHICH INCREASED TO 41.8 BILLION DOLLARS BY THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY 1988.

30. AL-WAFD NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN BY-ELECTIONS. AL-WAFD MARCH 13 REPORTS THAT THE WAFD PARTY HAS DECIDED TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTIONS DUE TO THE LACK OF JUDICIAL GUARANTEES OF THE FAIRNESS OF THE ELECTIONS.

31. ISLAMIC INVESTMENT COMPANIES. ACCORDING TO AL-WAFD, THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED THE CENTRAL BANK OF EGYPT, THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, AND THE CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHO IS INVESTING IN THE ISLAMIC INVESTMENT COMPANIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS PRESENTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER, THESE COMPANIES' INVESTORS INCLUDE A NUMBER OF FORMER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, NDP LEADERS, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND SHURA COUNCIL MEMBERS, SOCCER STARS, AND PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE ARTS.
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1. SUMMARY: CONTINUING HIS ALMOST-UNPRECEDENTED
PUBLIC RELATIONS BLITZ, PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR
EXPRESSED VIGOROUS OPPOSITION ON MARCH 11 TO THE
AMERICAN PEACE PROCESS INITIATIVE. SHAMIR VOWED THAT
PRESSURES WOULD NOT WORK ON HIM. END SUMMARY.

SHAMIR GRANTED SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WHICH APPEARED
IN THREE MARCH 11 NEWSPAPERS AND ON IDF RADIO. HE
EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO KEY ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN
INITIATIVE, INCLUDING:

--THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH SHAMIR SAW AS
POTENTIALLY DECIDING TO IMPLEMENT UN SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 242 AND SUBSEQUENTLY IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON

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FINAL SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS,

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REFERENCE TO "PARTIES" RATHER THAN "STATES".

4. WHILE SHAMIR COMPLIMENTED THE U.S. FOR TRYING "TO WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CAMP DAVID", HE CHARACTERIZED THE NEW INITIATIVE AS A DEVIATION FROM THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS -- A "MENU MOSTLY SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THE ARABS' TASTE." HE COMPLAINED THAT THE CHANGE IN U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CAME "WITH NO EXPLANATION". STATING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FROM THE U.S., SHAMIR EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IF THE U.S. DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS -- WHICH IT SIGNED -- NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE THAT ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. WOULD REMAIN VALID.

5. SHAMIR SAID THE U.S. PROPOSALS "HARBOR GRAVE DANGERS FOR THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL," WHICH OBLIGATE HIM TO RESIST THEM WITH "ALL HIS POWER". ASSERTING THAT HIS POWER TO RESIST IS "VERY GREAT", SHAMIR STATED "THERE WILL BE NO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITHOUT US."

6. SHAMIR WAS OPTIMISMATIC HE COULD RAISE DOUBTS IN THE U.S. ABOUT THE PLAN, AND THAT "WE CAN REACH SOME

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KIND OF AGREEMENT." HE VOWED TO SEEK "FAR-REACHING CHANGES" IN THE PLAN. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE U.S. AND ISRAEL FAIL TO OVERCOME THEIR DIFFERENCES REGARDING THE INITIATIVE, SHAMIR EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT STRONG U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE. SHAMIR EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT EXERT PRESSURES ON HIM; BUT SHOULD PRESSURES COME, HE ASSERTED THAT "PRESSURES DO NOT WORK ON ME."

7. SHAMIR SAID THAT HE DID NOT DISMISS THE PRINCIPLE OF "TERRITORIES FOR "PEACE," BUT SAID HIS MUST BE PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT, NOT THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS. SHAMIR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NO LONGER BE PRESENT DURING SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH UNDER THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS ARE STILL SEVERAL YEARS OFF. HOWEVER, SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS ON FINAL STATUS ACTUAL COMMENCE IN DECEMBER 1988 AS FORSEEN IN THE U.S. INITIATIVE, "WE WILL REACH NO SOLUTION."

8. SHAMIR WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT KING HUSSEIN'S ABILITY OR INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING TO THE PEACE PROCESS OR TO CALMING THE DISTURBANCES. THE ONLY POSITIVE THING SHAMIR SAW IN HUSSEIN WAS HIS FEAR OF THE RIOTS SPREADING INTO JORDAN.

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SUBJECT: THREE KILLED; SETTLER-PALESTINIAN CLASHES
CONTINUE AS UPRISING BEGINS FOURTH MONTH

REF: JERUSALEM 808

1. (U) SUMMARY: THREE WEST BANKERS WERE KILLED BY
IDF FORCES AND AT LEAST A DOZEN WERE WOUNDED IN
CLASHES WITH IDF AND SETTLERS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.
IDF FORCES BEGAN USING A NEWLY DEVELOPED GRAVEL
THROWING DEVICE TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS IN THE
AMA'ARI REFUGEE CAMP AND QALQILYA. PALESTINIANS SHOT
AT AN ISRAELI BUS NEAR THE ASKAR REFUGEE CAMP NEAR
NABLUS. POLICE RAIDED THE DORMITORY ROOMS OF ARAB
STUDENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY. THE CIVIL
ADMINISTRATION DECLARED THAT THE EL BIREH
MUNICIPALITY DECISION TO STOP THE COLLECTION OF

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BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM MERCHANTS AND CRAFTSMEN
FOR ONE YEAR WAS ILLEGAL AND WOULD AFFECT THE
ADEQUATE DELIVERY OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES. END SUMMARY.

THREE KILLED; MORE THAN A DOZEN WOUNDED IN IDF CLASHES
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2. (U) ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, THE FOURTH MONTH OF THE
PALESTINIAN "UPRISING" BEGAN WITH THE DEATH OF THREE

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PALESTINIANS. MOHAMMED OTHMAN FARES, 18, DIED WHEN SHOT BY IDF TROOPS IN SILWAD, NEAR RAMALLAH, AS THEY TRIED TO BREAK UP A THREATENING CROWD OF STONE THROWERS.

-- IN TURMUS AYYA, NEAR RAMALLAH, NAJEH HASAN JAMIL HIJAZI, 19, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY IDF FORCES ALSO ATTEMPTING TO BREAK UP A ROCK THROWING DEMONSTRATION. TWO OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WITH HEAD INJURIES.

-- IN SAMOU SOUTH OF HEBRON, BASAM AL-BADARIN, 25, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY IDF TROOPS AS THEY TRIED TO DISPERSE A DEMONSTRATION.

-- SEVEN PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED AT THE FAR'A REFUGEE CAMP, NORTH OF NABLUS, AS IDF FORCES RESPONDED TO A BARRAGE OF ROCK AND METAL DEBRIS.

-- IN YATTA, SOUTH OF HEBRON, ONE PALESTINIAN WAS WOUNDED IN A CLASH WITH IDF TROOPS.

-- IDF FORCES USED A NEWLY DEVELOPED GRAVEL THROWER TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS IN QALQILYA AND THE AMA'ARI

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REFUGEE CAMP IN EL-BIREH. TWO AMA'ARI RESIDENTS WERE ARRESTED.

-- PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS OF THE QALANDIA REFUGEE CAMP SET FIRE TO A POST OFFICE CAR AND THREATENED THE DRIVER WITH A KNIFE.

-- A DAN BUS DRIVER REPORTED THAT SHOTS WERE FIRED AT HIS BUS WHEN PASSING NEAR THE ASKAR REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR NABLUS.

-- IN HALHOUL, NEAR HEBRON, PALESTINIANS BURNED AN EMPTY ISRAELI BUS.

-- IN THE DEHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR BETHLEHEM, AN ISRAELI BUS WAS STONED, RESULTING IN ONE INJURY. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ERECTED A TWELVE FOOT HIGH FENCE AROUND THE CAMP.

-- DEMONSTRATORS IN BIR ZEIT AND SAMIR, NEAR RAMALLAH, CARRIED PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND ERECTED BARRICADES ALONG THE ROADS.

PALESTINIAN-SETTLER CLASHES CONTINUE
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3. (U) IN BIDDO, NORTH WEST OF JERUSALEM, HUNDREDS OF VILLAGERS MARCHED ON THE NEARBY SETTLEMENT OF HAR ADAR CARRYING PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND CHANTING NATIONALIST SLOGANS. THE VILLAGERS REPORTEDLY THREW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT IDF TROOPS AND SETTLERS. ONE PALESTINIAN WAS WOUNDED.

-- FOLLOWING UP ON THEIR EXCHANGE OF ROCKS WITH HARIS

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VILLAGERS, THE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL), SETTLERS FROM ARIEL BURNED SEVERAL ARAB CARS FROM THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGE OF HARIS AND BEAT UP SEVERAL OF THE PASSENGERS. THE SETTLERS THEN ENCOUNTERED A MOB OF

RESIDENTS FROM THE VILLAGE AND ENGAGED IN A ROCK THROWING EXCHANGE. EIGHT VILLAGERS WERE ARRESTED AND ONE SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED.

-- KACH ACTIVISTS IN HEBRON BURNED AN ARAB BUS AND ENGAGED IN A ROCK THROWING BATTLE WITH LOCAL HEBRONITES. APPROXIMATELY 150 SETTLERS FROM KIRYAT ARBA CAME TO THE AID OF THE KACH ACTIVISTS AND JOINED THE MELEE.

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ANNIVERSARY STRIKE SHUTS DOWN WEST BANK
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4. (U) IN COMMEMORATION ON THE THREE-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT UNREST, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN PAMPHLET NINE BY THE "UNITED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING," A TOTAL COMMERCIAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK YESTERDAY, MARCH 9, AND ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GROUND TO A HALT. WEST BANKERS REPORTEDLY STAYED AWAY FROM JOBS IN ISRAEL AND OTHER THAN DURING PROTESTS THE STREETS IN MOST VILLAGES AND CITIES WERE DESERTED.

POLICE RAID ROOMS OF ARAB STUDENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY
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5. (U) POLICE RAIDED THE DORMITORY ROOMS OF ARAB STUDENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM. THE STUDENTS REPORTED THAT THE ROOMS WERE COMPLETELY TORN APART WITHOUT WARRANT OR EXPLANATION.

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6. (U) ISRAELI CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE QUOTED IN THE PRESS SAYING THAT THE DECISION BY EL-BIREH MUNICIPALITY TO REFRAIN FROM COLLECTING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM MERCHANTS AND CRAFTSMEN FOR ONE YEAR WAS ILLEGAL AND WOULD IMPAIR THE MUNICIPALITY'S ABILITY TO SUPPLY NECESSARY SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.

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7. [REDACTED] AS THE CURRENT UNREST BEGINS ITS FOURTH MONTH, SETTLER/PALESTINIAN CLASHES ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT AND MORE VIOLENT. THE REPORTS OF SHOTS BEING FIRED AT A BUS NEAR THE ASKAR REFUGEE CAMP IS THE SECOND REPORT OF GUNS BEING USED THERE IN A WEEK. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED PALESTINIAN USE OF WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY IN SHOOTING PASSING BUSES. LOCAL TOURIST AGENCIES TELL US THAT THEIR PLANS FOR THE COMING INFLUX OF EASTER/PASSOVER TOURISTS FROM THE U.S. INCLUDE TOURS OF THE WEST BANK. THEY SAY THAT THEY PLAN TO HAVE MILITARY JEEPS ESCORT THEIR BUSES FOR SAFETY. HOWEVER, JEEPS SERVE AS VERY POOR SHIELDS AGAINST BULLETS SHOT FROM THE ROADSIDE. CUBBISON

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1. DAMASCUS RADIO COMMENTARY MARCH 7 (REF)
OFFERED THE FIRST EXPRESSION OF THE SYRIAN PERSPECTIVE
ON THE U.S. PEACE INITIATIVE SINCE THE SECRETARY'S
MARCH 4 MEETING WITH ASAD. WE SEE IT AS AN INITIAL
STATEMENT OF THE POSITION THE SYRIANS ARE LIKELY TO
TAKE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH JORDAN AND OTHER
ARAB STATES AS ASAD AND HUSSEIN CONSIDER THEIR
RESPONSES TO THE SECRETARY. CHARACTERISTICALLY,

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ASAD IS TAKING A TOUGH LINE BUT NOT FORECLOSING HIS
OPTIONS. TEXT PARA TWO BELOW.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. RADIO ISRAEL
THIS MORNING REPORTED THAT SHAMIR AND PERES HOLD WIDELY
DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY U.S.
SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ TO ISRAEL AND OTHER
GOVERNMENTS IN THE MIDEAST. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI SOURCES

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SHAMIR WOULD RATHER GO TO WASHINGTON ON 14 MARCH UNFETTERED BY AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO THE DOCUMENT INSTEAD, HE WANTS TO PUT TO THE AMERICANS AN AUTONOMY PLAN FOR THE OCCUPIED LAND ON THE LINES OF THE SECOND PART OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT. ISRAELI SOURCES ARE KNOWN TO HAVE LEAKED TO THE PRESS THE TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH SHAMIR REJECTED.

3. (U) EVEN SETTING ASIDE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ISRAELI COALITION PARTNERS--LIKUD AND LABOR ON THIS OR THAT, THE TWO ARE IN BROAD AGREEMENT. THE UNITED LIKUD-LABOR PERSPECTIVE MAY BE SUMMED UP IN THE FAMED NOS: NO TO A TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORY OCCUPIED SINCE THE 1967 AGGRESSION; NO TO THE NATIONAL, INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE, WHICH TRANSLATES INTO A REJECTION OF PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND STATE; AND NO TO A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE, WHICH TRANSLATES INTO A DISMISSAL OF THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. THE THREE NOS ARE A COMMON DENOMINATION BETWEEN THE RULERS OF ISRAEL--NEVER MIND THEIR INFIGHTING AND CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES. IT IS THIS INTRANSIGENCE THAT HAS THWARTED ISRAEL.

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4. (U) THE U.S. RULERS HAVE HITHERTO SHARED THE ADVOCATE AN UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI PULLOUT FROM THE THE FACT THAT THE RULERS IN WASHINGTON HAVE OF LATE TALKING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND SAME BAD, NEGATIVE SUBSTANCE: THE U.S. ATTEMPTS TO A POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL U.S. EFFORT TO THE REGION AND KEPT THE PEACE PROCESS AT A STANDSTILL. THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS BOUND TO BE SWAYED BY ISRAEL'S THREE NOS BY VIRTUE OF THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV AND U.S. RULERS SURRENDERING THE CONTROL OF THEIR MIDEAST POLICIES TO THE RULERS OF ISRAEL.

4. (U) THE U.S. RULERS HAVE HITHERTO SHARED THE THREE WELL-KNOWN NOS WITH THE ISRAELI RULERS. THEY DO NOT ADVOCATE AN UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI PULLOUT FROM THE ARAB LAND OCCUPIED SINCE THE 1967 AGGRESSION. NOR DO THEY RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION, AN INDEPENDENT STATE, OR TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. THIS IS STILL THE CASE DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE RULERS OF WASHINGTON HAVE OF LATE BEEN TALKING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. WHAT GOOD IS A NEW NAME FOR THE SAME BAD, NEGATIVE SUBSTANCE? U.S. ATTEMPTS TO SELL ITS

AND ISRAEL'S OLD WARES UNDER NEW NAMES AND SLOGANS ARE DOOMED.

(U) WHAT ISRAEL HAS FAILED TO SECURE THROUGH WAR, INVASION, AND CONQUEST, AND THE UNITED STATES FAILED TO FORCE ON THE ARABS THROUGH THE CARROT AND THE STICK, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. SYRIA IS ANXIOUS TO SEE IN PLACE A JUST PEACE BASED ON UN RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING RESOLUTION NO. 181 (AS HEARD) AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ISRAEL'S EVACUATION OF ALL THE CONQUERED TERRITORY.

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SYRIA WILL JOIN ANY CONSTRUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THAT KIND OF PEACE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND VIA AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THIS CONFERENCE MUST GROUP THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ALL THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE INCLUDING THE PLO, AND WORK SERIOUSLY TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE, NOT PIECEMEAL SETTLEMENT.

6. (U) IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE ARABS WHO REFUSED TO SURRENDER WHEN THEY WERE WEAK AND THE BALANCE OF POWER WAS HEAVILY TIPPED AGAINST THEM WILL NOW UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES GO THE CONFERENCE TABLE TO CAPITULATE TO THE AGGRESSOR, ITS PRIOR CONDITIONS, AND BILATERAL, PIECEMEAL DEALS. THE ROAD TO PEACE IS KNOWN; IT NEVER LEADS TO REWARDING AND ENCOURAGING THE AGGRESSOR, OR DENYING THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE AND THE RIGHTS OF THE ARABS TO LIBERATE EVERY INCH OF THEIR OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

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SUBJECT: SETTLER-PALESTINIAN CONFRONTATIONS INCREASE;
ONE PALESTINIAN KILLED.

1. (U) SUMMARY: ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, ONE
PALESTINIAN WAS KILLED IN MARRA A-SHARQIEH, NEAR
RAMALLAH. SETTLER CONFRONTATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS
INCREASED RESULTING IN NUMEROUS INJURIES.
ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
ARAB WOMEN DEMONSTRATED IN SEVERAL WEST BANK
TOWNS AND VILLAGES. MOST WERE DISPERSED WITH
TEAR GAS, OTHERS WERE ARRESTED. THE BODY OF
AN ARAB POLICEMAN WAS FOUND IN AQABAT JABER
REFUGEE CAMP NEAR JERICHO. SOLDIERS CARRYING
OUT CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ORDERS DEMOLISHED ONE
PALESTINIAN HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF BIDDO NEAR
RAMALLAH. END SUMMARY.

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PALESTINIAN/SETTLER VIOLENCE GROWS; ONE
PALESTINIAN KILLED

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2. (U) KHARDEH MOHAMMED ABDUL HALIM, 35,
AND THE FATHER OF FOUR CHILDREN WAS KILLED,
ALLEGEDLY BY A SETTLER, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8,
IN THE VILLAGE OF MAZRAA A-SHARQIEH, NORTH
OF RAMALLAH. HEBREW NEWS REPORTS SAID THAT AN

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ISRAELI SETTLER DROVE HIS CAR INTO THE VILLAGE FROM THE JERUSALEM-NABLUS HIGHWAY AND WAS FORCED TO STOP AT A STONE BARRICADE. WHEN HE FOUND THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO REMOVE THE ROCKS, HE REPORTEDLY FIRED HIS GUN AT TWO HOUSES HITTING HAMIDEH IN THE CHEST.

-- ANOTHER PALESTINIAN WAS SHOT BY A SETTLER IN BALATA REFUGEE CAMP NEAR NABLUS, AFTER STONES WERE THROWN AT HIS CAR.

-- A NABLUS RESIDENT WAS SHOT BY IDF SOLDIERS AFTER BEING ATTACKED WITH A BARRAGE OF STONES AND MOLOTOV COCKTAILS.

RESIDENTS OF ARIEL SETTLEMENT CLASHED WITH PALESTINIANS FROM NEIGHBORING HARISS VILLAGE NEAR NABLUS. SETTLERS REPORTEDLY BEGAN THROWING ROCKS AT VILLAGERS IN REACTION TO THE STONING OF ISRAELI CARS ALONG THE JERUSALEM - NABLUS HIGHWAY. ONE THREE-YEAR OLD BOY FROM THE SETTLEMENT WAS INJURED BY STONES THROWN AT HIS PARENTS' CAR EN ROUTE TO ARIEL. IDF TROOPS FIRED TEAR GAS AT THE SETTLERS

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SEEKING TO INFILTRATE THE VILLAGE AND LATER ARRESTED EIGHT OF THE SETTLERS. LATER THAT EVENING (MARCH 8) SETTLERS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED AN ARAB YOUTH BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THROWING STONES. SETTLERS SAID THAT THEY SET UP A SPECIAL "SETTLERS GUARD" OF EIGHT CARS WHICH WOULD BE ARMED AND PATROL THE JERUSALEM - NABLUS HIGHWAY.

IN BIDDO, NORTHWEST OF JERUSALEM, AN ISRAELI SETTLER FROM NEARBY ADAR SETTLEMENT WAS INJURED WHEN HER CAR WAS STONED DURING A DEMONSTRATION. AN ISRAELI BUS TRAVELING THROUGH THE VILLAGE WAS ALSO LIGHTLY DAMAGED FROM STONES. RESPONDING SOLDIERS WERE MET WITH STONES AND MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. THE VILLAGE WAS PLACED UNDER CURFEW AND SEVERAL VILLAGERS WERE ARRESTED.

-- IN HEBRON AN ARAB BUS WAS SET ON FIRE. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT SETTLERS WERE RESPONSIBLE.

WEST BANK WOMEN DEMONSTRATE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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EAST JERUSALEM'S SALEH EDDIN STREET, THROWING
ROCKS AT BORDER POLICE. OLICE FIRED TEAR
GAS INTO THE CROWD OF WOMEN AND ARRESTED
SEVEN. SEVERAL WEN WERE TREATED AT MAQASAD
HOSPITAL ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES FOR INJURIES.

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-- IN RAMALLAH ABOUT 400 WOMEN DEMONSTRATED, CARRYING PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND POSTERS WITH NATIONALIST SLOGANS. POLICE FIRED TEAR GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS AT THE CROWD. SEVERAL WOMEN WERE TREATED FOR INJURIES FROM RUBBER BULLET WOUNDS.

-- POLICE PREVENTED A GROUP OF PALESTINIAN WOMEN FROM MARCHING FROM THE EAST JERUSALEM

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NEIGHBORHOOD, JABAL MUKABBER, TO THE NEARBY JEWISH SETTLEMENT OF EAST TALPIOT.

-- ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF WOMEN WAS BROKEN UP IN ANATA, NORTH JERUSALEM. FOUR PALESTINIANS WERE ARRESTED.

ARAB POLICEMAN'S BODY FOUND IN AQABAT JABR REFUGEE CAMP

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4. (U) THE BODY OF A MURDERED ARAB POLICEMAN WAS FOUND WITH ITS HANDS AND FEET TIED ON MARCH 8 IN AQABAT JABR REFUGEE CAMP NEAR JERICHO. THE BODY WAS FOUND NEAR THE POLICEMAN'S HOME IN THE CAMP WHICH HAS BEEN GENERALLY QUIET THROUGHOUT THE UPRISING. POLICE SPECULATE THAT THE POLICEMAN MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED IN RESPONSE TO PALESTINIAN LEAFLETS CALLING ON ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION TO RESIGN THEIR JOBS. A CURFEW WAS PLACED ON THE CAMP. POLICE SAID THAT A NUMBER OF THEIR ARAB EMPLOYEES HAD RECEIVED THREATENING PHONE CALLS AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE ONE POLICEMAN'S DEATH MORE ARABS MAY RESIGN.

SOLDIERS DEMOLISH ANOTHER ARAB HOME

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5. (U) ON MARCH 7, SOLDIERS ACTING ON CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ORDERS DEMOLISHED THE HOME OF AN ARAB IN THE VILLAGE OF BIDDO, NEAR RAMALLAH, WHO WAS ACCUSED OF KILLING A VILLAGE

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RESIDENT SUSPECTED OF BEING A
COLLABORATOR FOUR MONTHS AGO. THE OWNER OF
THE HOME HAD ALSO BEEN IMPLICATED IN NUMEROUS
INCIDENTS OF THROWING ROCKS AND MOLOTOV
COCKTAILS.

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6. [REDACTED] JUST AS PALESTINIAN PROTESTS HAVE
ASSUMED A MORE VIOLENT TONE, SO ALSO SETTLER
REPRISALS HAVE BECOME LESS RETRND. MORE
AND MORE REPORTED INCIDENTS OF SETTLER
INITIATIVES IN SEEKING JUSTICE ARE INCREASING
THE READINESS OF PALESTINIANS TO RESORT TO ANY
MEANS IN RESPONSE. REPEATED WARNINGS TO
SETTLERS BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO LEAVE
POLICE ACTIONS AND JUSTICE TO THE BORDER
POLICE AND THE IDF ARE APPARENTLY FALLING ON
DEAF EARS. ON MARCH 1 THE JERUSALEM POST
REPORTED THAT DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER MICHAL
DEKEL WARNED A GROUP OF SETTLERS AT A MEETING
IN TEKOA NOT TO TAKE THE LAW NTO THEIR OWN
HANDS. SETTLERS REPORTEDLY SAID AFTER THE
MEETING THAT THE "MINISTER FAILED TO PERSUADE"
THEM. WITH AN ALREADY ARMED SETTLER POPULATION,
THE SPECTRE OF ARMED PALESTINIANS INVOLVED IN
A GROWING NUMBER OF CONFRONTATIONS WITH
SETTLERS IS RIGHTENING. THE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE
OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING IS PRECARIOUSLY

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- PRESS COMMENTS ON SECRETARY SHULTZ'S TRIP.
- ATTACK ON ZIONISM AND US BIAS AGAINST THE ARABS.
- MUBARAK INFORMS KING FAHD THAT THE FOUR LIBYAN MIGS WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO LIBYA.
- CRITICISM OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER.
- CRITICISM OF PRIME MINISTER.
- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD GIVES DETAILS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE "EGYPT'S REVOLUTION" CASE.

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1. ON SECRETARY SHULTZ'S TRIP. ALL PAPERS MARCH 5 REPORT IN THEIR LEAD STORY MUBARAK'S 75-MINUTE MEETING WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE THEY GAVE AFTERWARDS. SECRETARY SHULTZ DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO MUBARAK AND BRIEFED HIM ON HIS TALKS IN ISRAEL. REPORTEDLY, SECRETARY SHULTZ HAD PRESENTED TO ISRAEL A WRITTEN PEACE PLAN THAT INCLUDED A TIME SCHEDULE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING NEXT MONTH, FOLLOWED BY DIRECT ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS IN MAY AIMED AT REACHING A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT ON PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. MUBARAK IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THE NEW US PROPOSALS ARE ENCOURAGING AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND THEY HAVE TO BE STUDIED WELL WITH THE CONCERNED PARTIES. SECRETARY SHULTZ IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL IS READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA, AND A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION, ADDING THAT CONDUCTING A DIALOGUE WITH PALESTINIANS IS NECESSARY. SECRETARY SHULTZ, REPORTEDLY, WILL RETURN TO THE REGION LATE IN MARCH FOR FURTHER TALKS. IN A RELATED ITEM, AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5 REPORTS THE US HAS AGREED THAT THE PALESTINIANS BE REPRESENTED IN ANY PEACE TALKS BY 5 MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL

COUNCIL.

IN HIS LEAD EDITORIAL IN AHRAM MARCH 4 (I.E. BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MUBARAK), EDITOR IN CHIEF IBRAHIM NAFEI WRITES THAT, AS EXPECTED, SECRETARY SHULTZ'S SHUTTLE VISIT TO THE REGION DID NOT ACHIEVE MUCH -- FOR THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF THE PEACE PROCESS IS THE GRAVE DISPUTE AND DIVISION IN ISRAEL DUE TO SHAMIR'S

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RIGIDNESS AND REJECTION OF ACHIEVING PEACE IN RETURN FOR LAND. IT IS CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT THE US HAS NO INTENTION OF EXERCISING ANY EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL BEFORE THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, CONTRARY TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SECRETARY SHULTZ THAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE IN THE PATH OF THE PEACE PROCESS. THEREFORE, IT CAN BE NOTICED THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ AIMS THROUGH HIS TRIP TO LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS VIEWPOINTS OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN ORDER

TO BUILD ON THEM AN ACCEPTABLE PLAN. REVIEWING THE NATURE OF THE IDEAS PROPOSED BY SECRETARY SHULTZ, NAFEI WRITES THAT THESE IDEAS ARE MERELY ARRANGEMENTS AIMED ACTUALLY AT TRANQUILIZING THE EXPLODING SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND GIVING TIME TO CONSULTATIONS IN A QUIETER ATMOSPHERE. NAFEI GOES ON TO NOTE THAT THERE IS A MAIN POINT IN SECRETARY SHULTZ'S PROPOSALS WHICH IS CONSIDERED PROGRESS IN THE US STAND; THIS POINT IS THAT THE US REJECTS SHAMIR'S STAND OPPOSED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF "LAND FOR PEACE", WHICH THE US INSISTS BE THE BASIS FOR ANY NEGOTIATIONS. THE US ALSO ADHERES TO CARRYING OUT UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, THE POINT AROUND WHICH MUBARAK'S TALKS REVOLVED DURING SECRETARY SHULTZ'S PREVIOUS VISIT TO CAIRO. NAFEI FURTHER NOTES THAT MUBARAK INSISTS THAT A PLENARY MEETING BE HELD BETWEEN THE US ADMINISTRATION AND PALESTINIANS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A DIALOGUE ON LAND, PEACE, AND USURPED RIGHTS. CONCLUDING, NAFEI STRESSES THAT THE ARABS SHOULD SHOW THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THEY ARE READY FOR DISCUSSION, DIALOGUE, AND NEGOTIATION, AND THAT IT IS ISRAEL WHICH REJECTS EVERYTHING AND REFUSES TO GIVE BACK RIGHTS IN RETURN FOR COMPREHENSIVE PEACE.

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AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AHARAM MARCH 4 WRITES THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS THAT ISRAEL'S BLATANT REJECTION OF PEACE IS MAINLY BECAUSE ISRAEL FEELS THAT IT ENJOYS SPECIAL US SUPPORT WHICH MAKES IT EVEN DEFY AND REJECT IDEAS PROPOSED BY THE US ADMINISTRATION ITSELF. THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT NO ONE OBJECTS TO THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV OR TO THE US COMMITMENT TO ISRAELI SECURITY. HOWEVER, THE US SHOULD REALIZE THAT PEACE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY ONE PARTY ONLY, NOR CAN ISRAELI SECURITY BE ACHIEVED IF THE SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE OTHER PARTIES ARE NOT RESPECTED. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT THE US IS REQUIRED TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTION BECAUSE THE US ROLE SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE ROLE OF A SUPERPOWER THAT ALWAYS SPEAKS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AKHBAR MARCH 4 REPORTS THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ'S RETURN TO THE REGION AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT REAGAN IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN THAT REFLECTS A SERIOUS CONCERN ON THE PART OF WASHINGTON OVER INTENSIFYING PEACE EFFORTS IN THE REGION, ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE EXPECTED THAT THE US WOULD STOP OR POSTPONE ITS ENDEAVORS IN THE REGION DUE TO THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT SHULTZ MUST HAVE NOTICED THE SINCERE DESIRE OF THE ARABS AND PALESTINIANS FOR PEACE AS CONTRASTED WITH ISRAELI REJECTION. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT ISRAEL'S STAND MEANS THAT IT WANTS A PEACE THAT MAINTAINS ITS CONTROL OVER THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT THE WHOLE WORLD CANNOT POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE.

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2. EGYPT/US/ISRAEL. IN HIS DAILY COLUMN IN AHRAM MARCH 4, AHMAD BAH A EL-DIN WRITES THAT THE MAIN IDEAS OF THE US AND ISRAEL ARE TO REJECT ANY DIALOGUE WITH THE PLO AND ESTABLISH AUTONOMY, LIKE IN THE CAMPS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE COLUMNIST REITERATES THAT THE ARABS SHOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY PERIOD OF TRANSITION BECAUSE THIS WOULD GIVE ISRAEL ENOUGH TIME TO "DIGEST THE BIG BITE IT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DIGEST IN 20 YEARS - AS SEEN IN THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING." THE COLUMNIST CONCLUDES BY CALLING FOR SUPPORTING ARAFAT'S REQUEST FOR PUTTING INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE ON THEIR FINAL CONDITION.

IN HIS DAILY COLUMN IN AKHBAR MARCH 4, MAHMOUD ABDEL MONEIM MURAD REFERS TO A BOOK WRITTEN BY 3 ISRAELIS ON THE MOSSAD, AND TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC BY THE EGYPTIAN INFORMATION AUTHORITY. THE COLUMNIST CALLS FOR FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI EXAMPLE AND LEARNING HOW TO GET THE CORRECT INFORMATION BECAUSE THIS IS CONSIDERED THE FIRST DEFENSE LINE OF ANY SMALL NATION.

WEEKLY WRITER LOTFY NASSEF ASSERTS IN GUMHOURIYYA MARCH 4 THAT MANY TELE-VIEWERS NOTICED THAT THE US MOVIE SHOWN ON TV ON MARCH 1 WAS ACTUALLY MADE TO PROPAGANDIZE FOR ZIONISM AND WIN SYMPATHY FOR THE JEWS. NOTING THAT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WITHIN A FEW MONTHS THAT THE EGYPTIAN TV HAS SHOWN A PRO-ZIONIST MOVIE, THE WRITER REFERS TO

JEWISH OPPRESSION AND "NAZI" PRACTICES AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS, CRITICIZES THE TIMING OF SHOWING SUCH MOVIES, AND EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT NO MORE "COINCIDENCES" WOULD TAKE PLACE.

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IN HIS WEEKLY ARTICLE IN AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5, ABDEL SALAM DAWOUD REVIEWS "ZIONIST" AND "JEWISH" ATROCITIES AGAINST THE ARABS IN GENERAL AND THE PALESTINIANS IN PARTICULAR, AND EMPHASIZES THAT ZIONISM -- WHICH HAS CONTROLLED THE US -- WILL NOT BE CONTENT WITH A PLOT OF LAND EVEN IF THIS LAND EXTENDS FROM THE GULF TO THE OCEAN, BECAUSE ZIONISTS, WHO BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, AIM AT CONTROLLING THE WHOLE WORLD AS WRITTEN IN THE TALMUD. THE WRITER GOES ON TO REVIEW US BIAS TO ISRAEL AND ACCUSES THE US OF TURNING A BLIND EYE TO ISRAEL'S CRIMES, TERRORISM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE WRITER ASSERTS THAT THE ARABS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE US BIASED STANDS AGAINST THEM AT A TIME WHEN THE USSR ALWAYS SUPPORTS THEIR RIGHTS. THE WRITER CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE INCREASED INJUSTICE AND "STABS" OF THE US AND ISRAEL WILL EVENTUALLY CURE THE ARABS AND WAKE THEM UP TO CONFRONT THE DISDAIN AND CONTEMPT OF THE US AND ITS ALLIES.

IN HIS WEEKLY COLUMN IN AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5, HUSSEIN FAHMY ATTACKS THE "ZIONIST, IMPERIALIST, RACIST PRACTICES IN PALESTINE." THE COLUMNIST SAYS THAT THESE PRACTICES ARE NOT SURPRISING, FOR ALL ISRAELI LEADERS, SUCH AS SHARON AND BEGIN, ARE KNOWN TO BE CRIMINALS AND KILLERS. THE US SUPPORT FOR THE "SAVAGE" PRACTICES OF THE "ZIONISTS" IS NOT SURPRISING EITHER, FOR THE US IS KNOWN TO BE THE FIRST EXPANSIONIST AND RACIST COUNTRY IN HISTORY. ACCUSING THE US OF DRAWING UP A NEW STRATEGY

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THAT DEPENDS ON A US-ISRAELI ALLIANCE WITH AN EYE TO THE
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COLUMNIST CONCLUDES BY FURTHER ATTACKING THE US - WHICH DESPITE ITS "CRIMINAL" ALLIANCE WITH ISRAEL - STILL BRAGS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY.

3. LIBYAN PLANES WILL RETURN HOME. ALL PAPERS MARCH 6 QUOTE MUBARAK AS DENYING THE PRESS NEWS THAT THE FOUR LIBYAN FIGHTERS HAVE RETURNED TO LIBYA. MUBARAK ADDED

THAT HE HAD INFORMED KING FAHD OF SAUDI ARABIA THAT THE PLANES WOULD BE RETURNED TO LIBYA AFTER THEIR BEING TECHNICALLY CHECKED BY A SAUDI TECHNICAL DELEGATION. MUBARAK REITERATED THAT "THERE ARE NO GRUDGES BETWEEN US AND THE LIBYAN PEOPLE."

4. EGYPT/US. AKHBAR MARCH 4 REPORTS THE DELEGATION OF THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL START A TWO-WEEK TOUR OF THE US ON MARCH 13 DURING WHICH IT WILL MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, SENATE, US ADMINISTRATION, AND FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTRACT INVESTMENTS TO EGYPT, AND TO REVIEW THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE ECONOMIC REFORM COURSE BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE FIELDS OF FINANCE AND CREDIT.

AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5 REPORTS THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE CONGRESS THAT IT WANTS TO GET ITS APPROVAL OF THE JOINT US-EGYPTIAN PRODUCTION OF THE ABRAMS M-1 TANK. THE PERIOD OF THE PROJECT IS 10 YEARS. GENERAL DYNAMICS COMPANY WILL SUPPLY THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE MANUFACTURE WITH VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TANK.

5. DEFENSE OF WALDHEIM. AHRAM MARCH 6 REPORTS THE ARAB LAWYERS FEDERATION DECLARED FULL SUPPORT FOR WALDHEIM

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AGAINST THE CAMPAIGN OF THE US AND ZIONIST CIRCLES.

6. EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN CONTACTS. ALL PAPERS MARCH 5 REPORT FM ABDEL MEGUID CONFERRED WITH FATAH MOVEMENT

REPRESENTATIVE IN CAIRO ZOHDY AL-QADRA ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE ON THE ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL SCENE IN LIGHT OF THE "VEHEMENT PALESTINIAN POPULAR REVOLUTION" AGAINST THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

AHRAM MARCH 6 REPORTS ARAFAT SENT A MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN WRITERS FEDERATION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE FEDERATION'S SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING, WHICH ARAFAT TERMED AS A DEFENSE OF THE ARAB NATION'S DIGNITY.

7. EGYPT/FRG. AHRAM MARCH 4 REPORTS ELECTRICITY MINISTER MAHER ABAZA SAID THAT EGYPT AND WEST GERMANY HAD SIGNED TWO CONTRACTS OF 205 MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE RENOVATION OPERATIONS OF 5 POWER PLANTS IN GOVERNORATES.

8. EGYPT/SUDAN. AKHBAR MARCH 4 REPORTS A NEW TRADE PROTOCOL BETWEEN EGYPT AND SUDAN WILL BE SIGNED IN APRIL. SUDANESE EXPORTS IN THE PROTOCOL AMOUNT TO 80 MILLION DOLLARS, WHEREAS EGYPTIAN EXPORTS AMOUNT TO 120 MILLION DOLLARS.

9. EGYPT/IRAQ. AHRAM MARCH 5 REPORTS AN IRAQI INDUSTRIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO BY THE MIDDLE OF MARCH ON A ONE-WEEK VISIT DURING WHICH IT WILL HOLD TALKS ON TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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10. EGYPT/ADB. AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5 REPORTS A DELEGATION FROM THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO NEXT WEEK ON A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO SIGN A 15 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN AGREEMENT TO BE EXTENDED BY THE BANK TO FINANCE A POLYESTER FIBERS PROJECT. THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO DISCUSS EXTENDING LOANS OF 350 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ELECTRICITY PROJECTS.

11. EGYPTIAN-ITALIAN NAVAL EXERCISES. AHAM MARCH 6 REPORTS EGYPT AND ITALY WILL PERFORM NAVAL EXERCISES IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS MONTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

DOMESTIC NEWS

12. CRITICISM OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER. IN HIS DAILY COLUMN, MUSTAFA AMIN IN AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5 INDIRECTLY REFERS TO THE ATTACK AGAINST TOURISM MINISTER FUAD SULTAN BY PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER RIFAAT AL-MAHGOUB AND CRITICIZES THE LATTER FOR EXERCISING AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER THE GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH THE CABINET IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF PRIME MINISTER SEDKY. THE COLUMNIST FURTHER CRITICIZES AL-MAHGOUB FOR BRANDISHING THE SWORD OF AUTOCRACY, WHICH IS CONTRARY TO MUBARAK'S STATEMENTS ABOUT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. THE COLUMNIST CHARGES THAT AL-MAHGOUB REPRESENTS THE MENTALITY WHICH LED TO THE 1967 DEFEAT DURING THE ERA OF SEQUESTRATION, DICTATORSHIP,

CONFISCATION, AND DETENTION. CONCLUDING, AMIN CALLS FOR A CRYSTAL-CLEAR GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT IS BASED ON ABSOLUTE UNCLASSIFIED

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FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, AND UNITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION.

13. CRITICISM OF PRIME MINISTER. IN HIS LEAD EDITORIAL IN AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5, EDITOR IN CHIEF IBRAHIM SAADA CRITICIZES PRIME MINISTER SEDKY FOR KEEPING SILENT AND NOT DEFENDING MINISTER OF TOURISM FUAD SULTAN AGAINST THE ATTACK OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER RIFAAT AL-MAHGOUB AND A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES. THE WRITER SAYS THAT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT PRIME MINISTER SEDKY INSISTS ON IGNORING THE ISSUES RAISED, FOR HE HAS NEITHER DEFENDED SULTAN NOR OBJECTED TO HIS POLICY. THE WRITER CALLS UPON PRIME MINISTER SED KY TO

MAKE A STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON VARIOUS ISSUES UNDER DISPUTE, SUCH AS THE TOURIST POLICY, THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.

14. "EGYPT'S REVOLUTION." IN HIS WEEKLY COLUMN, KAMAL ABDEL RA'OUF IN AKHBAR EL-YOM MARCH 5 CRITICIZES THE WAY THE NATIONAL AND OPPOSITION PRESS HAS BEEN HANDLING THE "EGYPT'S REVOLUTION" CASE. THE COLUMNIST REVIEWS CONTRADICTIONS IN STORIES PUBLISHED AND STRESSES THE LACK OF OBJECTIVITY, A MATTER WHICH HAS CONFUSED AND DISTURBED THE READERS. THE COLUMNIST CONCLUDES THAT THE PRESS SHOULD REALIZE THAT ANY DEFENDANT IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

15. ON INFLATION. AHAM MARCH 4 CARRIES A LONG ARTICLE VOICING THE OPINION OF ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS ON MEANS OF PROTECTING THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE FROM INFLATION AND PRICE INCREASES. THOSE INTERVIEWED CALL FOR RECONSIDERING FINANCIAL AND CREDIT POLICIES AGREED UPON WITH THE IMF, AS WELL AS SLOWING DOWN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMF

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RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REDUCTION OF SUBSIDIES ON
ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES. IN ADDITION TO FIXING PRICES AND
DRAWING UP A PRODUCTIVE POLICY BINDING THE PUBLIC SECTOR
AND ENCOURAGING TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THOSE INTERVIEWED
CALL FOR CURBING BANKNOTE INFLATION AND PUBLIC SPENDING,
AND INCREASING TAXES ON HIGH-INCOME EARNERS.

16. WHEAT DELIVERY. ALL PAPERS MARCH 5 REPORT
AGRICULTURAL MINISTER YOUSSEF WALLY ISSUED A DECREE
WHEREBY FARMERS COULD DELIVER WHEAT OPTIONALLY AT A PRICE
OF LE 30 PER BUSHEL.

17. PRODUCTIVE FAMILIES. AHAM MARCH 4 REPORTS THAT IT
HAS BEEN DECIDED TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE
PRODUCTIVE FAMILY PROJECT IN CAIRO GOVERNORATE TO LE 9
MILLION IN THE COMING FIVE YEARS.

18. MUBARAK'S SPEECH. ALL PAPERS MARCH 6 REPORT
MUBARAK'S 25-MINUTE SPEECH AT THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE
ELEVENTH ISLAMIC PROPAGATION CONFERENCE. MUBARAK
REITERATED THAT FANATICISM IS HAMPERING THE ISLAMIC WORLD
FROM PROGRESSING, ADDING THAT ISLAMIC PROPAGATION WAS THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF ULAMA, INSTITUTIONS, AND GOVERNMENTS.
MUBARAK CALLED FOR DEPENDING ON SCIENCE SO AS NOT TO
REMAIN DEPENDENT ON OTHER COUNTRIES.

19. HEATED PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DEBATE. ALL PAPERS REPORT
THAT AFTER A HEATED DEBATE AT THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY IN
WHICH DEPUTIES CALLED UPON MINISTER OF SUPPLY ABUL DAHAB
TO RESIGN, PRIME MINISTER SEDKY REJECTED THE RESIGNATION
SUBMITTED BY ABUL DAHAB. THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AFFIRMED
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THAT THE MINISTRY WAS KEEN TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH ALL
COMMODITIES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES DESPITE SUCCESSIVE
CHANGES IN PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OPERATIONS. PLANNING
MINISTER GANZOURI ASSERTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEN TO
TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF PRICE INCREASES, AND ADDED THAT A
SUM OF LE 1.65 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR SUBSIDIZING
COMMODITIES TO ENSURE THAT PRICES INCREASES ARE CURBED.

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20. "EGYPT' REVOLUTION." AL-WAFD MARCH 4 REPORTS THAT THE US EMBASSY HAS PROTESTED AGAINST THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES' ACCUSATION AGAINST ESSAM NUR EL-DIN AS A THIRD DEFENDANT IN THE CASE. AL-WAFD ASSERTS THAT THE CIA HAD PROMISED ESSAM NUR EL-DIN TO TREAT HIM AS A WITNESS AFTER ITS HAVING AGREED WITH EGYPTIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES

ON THIS. AL-WAFD ADDS THAT THE US EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ESSAM NUR EL-DIN INSISTS ON RETRACTING THE STATEMENTS HE MADE DURING THE INTERROGATIONS AND DURING HIS DETENTION FOR 51 DAYS AT THE US EMBASSY. AL-WAFD NOTES THAT SINCE HIS CONFESSION WAS OBTAINED UNDER EXTORTION OF CIA MEN, WHO FORCED HIM TO TAKE DRUGS AND TEMPTED HIM WITH PROMISES, THE ACCUSATIONS LEVELED AGAINST THE MEMBERS OF THE "EGYPT'S REVOLUTION" ORGANIZATION WILL THEN HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED. AL-WAFD MARCH 5 REPORTS THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SUPPORTERS SOCIETY IN ALEXANDRIA SENT INVITATIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND THE TRIAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE "EGYPT'S REVOLUTION" ORGANIZATION AS INTERNATIONAL

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OBSERVERS. THE SOCIETY WILL HOLD A WORLD PRESS CONFERENCE
ON MARCH 12 AT THE BAR ASSOCIATION TO DECLARE ITS STAND ON
THE CASE.

21. SUDANESE DENIAL. AL-WAFD MARCH 4 REPORTS THE
SUDANESE EMBASSY IN CAIRO DENIED WHAT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED
BY AL-WAFD ON MARCH 3 REGARDING MUBARAK'S CONDITIONS FOR
EGYPTIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN. THE SUDANESE
EMBASSY AFFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO HAVE ANY
COUNTRY FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH SUDAN.

22. INTERVIEW WITH KHALED ABDEL NASSER. SAWT AL-ARAB
MARCH 6 CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH KHALED ABDEL NASSER IN
WHICH HE SAYS THAT HE WILL RETURN TO EGYPT BEFORE THE
TRIAL AND THAT HE WILL NOT REQUEST POLITICAL ASYLUM TO ANY
COUNTRY. HE EMPHASIZES THAT HE IS NOT AFRAID OF THE
MOSSAD OR THE CIA OR EVEN EXECUTION IN EGYPT. HE ADDS
THAT HE IS HOSTILE TOWARDS ZIONISM BUT NOT TOWARDS THE
EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

23. EGYPT/IMF. AL-WAFD MARCH 6 REPORTS THE US HAS PROMISED EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS TO INTERVENE TO EASE THE CONDITIONS OF THE IMF ON THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FUND WILL PERSUADE THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO REDUCE THE INTEREST RATE AND COMPLETE DEBT RESCHEDULING TALKS. ACCORDING TO AL-WAFD, EGYPT REQUESTED DEFERRING REPAYMENT OF MATURE DEBTS TO THE FUND UNTIL THE END OF 1989 INSTEAD OF JULY 1988. EGYPT ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTINUE OBTAINING LOANS TO FINANCE FIVE-YEAR PLAN PROJECTS.

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3. ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL CHEDLI KLIBI CALLED IN AMBASSADOR MARCH 4 TO DISCUSS FOLLOW UP TO MEETING OF ARAB LEAGUE PEACE COMMITTEE (REF A). AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND POLCOUNS. KLIBI WAS JOINED BY HIS AIDE AHMED HERGUEM.
4. RECALLING HISTORY OF THE ARAB LEAGUE EFFORT, KLIBI DESCRIBED THE NEXT STEP AS DISPATCH OF
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DELEGATIONS TO CAPITALS OF UNSC PERMANENT MEMBERS FOR "AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS". THE INTENT, KLIBI CONTINUED, WAS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE, NOT TO DEMAND ANY PARTICULAR POSITIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. THE PROPOSED DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON WOULD INCLUDE SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA, SYRIA AND ARAB LEAGUE. SCHEDULING IS COMPLICATED BY THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE VARIOUS MINISTERS, BUT THE ARAB LEAGUE HOPED ITS DELEGATION MIGHT BE RECEIVED EITHER

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MARCH 11 OR MARCH 28. THE FORMER DATE, HE NOTED, LEFT LITTLE TIME FOR PREPARATION. KLIBI ALSO ASKED FOR A REACTION TO THE INCLUSION OF A PLO REPRESENTATIVE, PERHAPS AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR.

5. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE ARAB LEAGUE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. HE THEN ADDED AS A PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE A PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 1982 ARAB DELEGATION HAD REDUCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT INITIATIVE. HE BELIEVED THAT ANY DELEGATE ADVERTISED AS A "MEMBER OF THE PLO" WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE THE PRESENT ONE. AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE SEEMED TO HAVE RESTRAINED ITS INITIATIVE DURING SECRETARY SHULTZ' CURRENT MISSION. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO ASSURE THAT THE TIMING AND SUBSTANCE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE EFFORT DOES NOT PUT US AT CROSS PURPOSES.

6. KLIBI AGREED. THE ARAB LEAGUE EFFORT SHOULD BE REALISTIC AND ABOVE ALL ELSE AIM AT CONCRETE RESULTS. IN THIS REGARD, HE WELCOMED ANY INSIGHTS ABOUT THE SHULTZ MISSION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL REPORT, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT

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NO ONE HAD REJECTED THE INITIATIVE AND EVERYONE, INCLUDING SYRIA, WAS ENCOURAGING CONTINUED AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT. THE SECRETARY'S CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO THE REGION INDICATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR EFFORT. KLIBI SAID THE SYRIANS HAD ALSO CONFIRMED THEIR INTEREST TO HIM. TO SUCCEED, HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE REQUIRED A NEW ELEMENT WHICH HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT SHOULD BE U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THE SECRETARY HAS MADE PARTICULAR EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS THE PALESTINIANS AND PROVIDED TEXT OF THE FEBRUARY 26 STATEMENT AND MARCH 3 CBS INTERVIEW. KLIBI SAID HE HAD STUDIED THE FEBRUARY 26 STATEMENT AND FOUND IT MOST ADEPT.

7. AMBASSADOR THEN TURNED CONVERSATION TO IRAN/IRAQ WAR AND REVIEWED SITUATION IN THE UNSC PER REF B. HE MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR CONTINUED ARAB LEAGUE EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS BOTH THE SOVIETS AND ALGERIANS. WHILE THE ALGERIANS MAY ULTIMATELY SUPPORT A RESOLUTION, HE EMPHASIZED, WE HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF THEM EITHER EXPRESSING THAT SUPPORT OR LOBBYING OTHERS. KLIBI NOTED THIS POINT AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HAVING IT BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION. THERE WAS ROOM

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STILL HE BELIEVED THEY WOULD GO ALONG BASED ON
ASSURANCES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO BAGHDAD AND RIYADH.

8. AMBASSADOR NOTED, BEFORE DEPARTING, THAT TUNISIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER MESTIRI IS PLANNING TO VISIT
WASHINGTON MARCH 28 (COINCIDENT WITH ONE ARAB LEAGUE

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DATE) AND ALSO NOTED THAT ISRAEL PRIME MINISTER
SHAMIR IS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON MARCH 16.

9. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BRITISH EMBASSY THAT ARAB
LEAGUE DELEGATION IS PROPOSED FOR LONDON FOR PERIOD
MARCH 14-16. IT WILL INCLUDE JORDANIANS, IRAQIS AND

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KLIBI HIMSELF. UK AMBASSADOR DECLINED ARAB LEAGUE INVITATION TO PROPOSE OTHER MEMBERS, I.E. PLO REPRESENTATIVE. (IN AN ASIDE, KLIBI NOTED LATTER MIGHT BE "AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR.") DELEGATION'S MISSION WAS DESCRIBED IN IDENTICAL TERMS (PARA 4 ABOVE). IN RESPONSE, UK AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT ARAB LEAGUE SHOULD PROCEED IN A WAY WHICH WILL KEEP U.S. INITIATIVE GOING AND AVOID SLAMMING ANY DOORS. SUBSEQUENTLY, BRITISH INFORM US THAT ARAB LEAGUE ALSO PROPOSED MARCH 14-16 FOR VISIT TO PARIS FOR WHICH

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DELEGATION WOULD ALSO INCLUDE PLO'S QADDUMI AND SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTABILITY OF ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION AS WELL AS ANY PARTICULAR VIEWS ON MEMBERSHIP AND TIMING.

11. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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1. SUMMARY. LIKUD LEADERS TOOK A DOWNCAST VIEW
MARCH 2 AND 3 OF DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE
SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE, WITH PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR
ACCUSING KING HUSSEIN OF STICKING TO THE POSITIONS OF
"THE MOST EXTREME ELEMENTS" OF THE ARAB WORLD".
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEVI CHARACTERIZED ELEMENTS OF
THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE AS DANGEROUS AND
UNACCEPTABLE. LIKUD MINISTERS REPORTEDLY UNANIMOUSLY
OPPOSED THE SECRETARY'S PLAN MARCH 2, BUT NO OFFICIAL
STATEMENT WAS ISSUED. END SUMMARY.

SHAMIR: FOR THE ARABS, THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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2. LIKUD LEADERS HAVE TAKEN A DOWNCAST VIEW OF
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS. IN A
STATEMENT BEFORE THE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE MARCH 2,
PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR ATTEMPTED TO LAY THE BLAME FOR
POSSIBLE FAILURE OF THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE AT THE
FEET OF KING HUSSEIN WHILE REITERATING THAT ISRAEL

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ANNOT WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

SHAMIR STATED (REF A) THAT, "JORDAN'S RESPONSE IS INDICTATED BY AN UNDERTAKING TO STICK TO THE POSITIONS OF THE MOST EXTREME ELEMENTS IN THE ARAB WORLD ... THOSE WHO ACCUSE US OF BEING OCCUPIERS OF ARAB AREAS, WHO SPEAK TO US OF MORALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, MUST NOT FORGET THAT THIS VERY PLACE WHERE WE ARE LOOKING NOW -- IN JERUSALEM, AND TEL AVIV, AND JAFFA, AND HAIFA, AND THE JEZREEL VALLEY, AND THE GALILEE -- ARE IN THE EYES OF THE ARABS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THAT BELONG AS OF RIGHT TO THE ARAB PEOPLE; THEREFORE, ALL OF US SHOULD REALIZE THAT ANY BENDING BY ISRAEL AND ANY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES AND REDUCE THE CHANCES OF PEACE. WHEN WE WILL NOT BE THERE, IF OUR ARMY WILL NOT BE THERE, THE VIOLENCE WILL COME HERE, TO JERUSALEM, TO TEL AVIV AND HAIFA."

4. SHAMIR REPORTEDLY REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND HIS AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AN "INVITATION" TO PEACE TALKS ISSUED BY THE US AND SOVIET UNION, WHILE INSISTING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM DISPERSE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING OF PEACE

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TALKS. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY OPPOSED THE OPENING OF FINAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN DECEMBER (REF B).

LEVI: "DANGEROUS" AMERICAN PLAN

5. SPEAKING TO ISRAELI TV MARCH 2, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DAVID LEVI CHARACTERIZED THE AMERICAN PLAN AS "DANGEROUS" AND COMPRISED OF SEVERAL UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS. THESE INCLUDED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AN ISRAELI COMMITMENT PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW FROM JUDEA AND SAMARIA, INCLUSION OF EAST JERUSALEM RESIDENTS IN AUTONOMY ARRANGEMENTS, AND THE CONDUCT OF SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM THAT WILL OF NECESSITY LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. GIVEN THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS UTTERLY INCAPABLE OF TAKING ANY POLITICAL DECISION, LEVI ADVOCATED EARLY ELECTIONS.

UNANIMOUS LIKUD REJECTION OF THE INITIATIVE

6. OTHER LIKUD SPOKESMAN ALSO REFLECTED THE DOWNBEAT MOOD. THE JERUSALEM POST MARCH 3 QUOTED AN UNNAMED

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SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO THE EFFECT THAT HE "DOES NOT SEE THE BRIDGE" BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND SHAMIR'S POSITIONS. THE VOICE OF ISRAEL REPORTED MARCH 2 (REF B) THAT LIKUD MINISTERS IN THEIR WEEKLY MEETING WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR REJECTION OF THE SECRETARY'S PLAN AS PRESENTED FEBRUARY 28, BUT NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT WAS ISSUED.

7. MK DAN MERIDOR TOLD ISRAEL'S ARMY RADIO MARCH 3

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THAT ONE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AND
AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: THE FORMER HAS RISKS
BUT PROVIDES A GOOD CHANCE FOR PEACE; THE LATTER
WOULD PLACE ISRAEL AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE OPPOSITE
THE ARAB LEAGUE. MERIDOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE
SECRETARY WOULD AVOID THE LATTER IRRATIONAL SITUATION
AND PRESENT AN ACCEPTABLE PLAN TO ISRAEL, RATHER THAN
THE JORDANIAN-SOVIET PLAN FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
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HIGHLIGHTS

- MORE COMMENTS ON SECRETARY SHULTZ'S TRIP.
- MUBARAK RECEIVED THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF "USA TODAY."
- PM SEDKY WILL VISIT SUDAN TO COMPLETE THE TALKS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MUBARAK.
- MUBARAK TO ADDRESS THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC PROPAGATION CONFERENCE MARCH 5.
- THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY WILL DISCUSS SCARCITIES AND PRICE INCREASES.
- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD CLAIMS MUBARAK STIPULATED FIVE CONDITIONS FOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SUDAN.

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ESTABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. NEW TRIP BY SHULTZ. AHAM REPORTS PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS DELEGATED SECRETARY SHULTZ TO START A NEW TOUR OF THE REGION WHICH WILL INCLUDE EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, SYRIA, AND ISRAEL. SECRETARY SHULTZ WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTERWARDS TO BRIEF PRESIDENT REAGAN ON THE FINAL RESULTS OF HIS TALKS. IN A RELATED ITEM, AHAM REPORTS ISRAELI STATE MINISTER WEIZMAN CALLED UPON SECRETARY SHULTZ TO MEET WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES, ADDING THAT THE PEACE PROCESS WOULD NOT PROGRESS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PLO AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. ALL PAPERS REPORT MFA FIRST UNDERSECRETARY OSAMA AL-BAZ SAID IN DOHA, QATAR THAT ISRAEL HAD FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE EGYPTIAN PEACE INITIATIVE, AND THAT THE US WOULD PRESENT A NEW INITIATIVE TO REACTIVATE THE PEACE PROCESS.

IN HIS DAILY COLUMN IN AHAM, AHMAD BAH EL-DIN REFERS TO STATEMENTS BY ABBA EBAN, WHO EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ISRAEL TO CONTINUE RULING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BY FORCE, OTHERWISE IT WOULD TURN INTO A REPRESSIVE TYRANNICAL STATE AND LOSE GRADUALLY ITS

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CONTACTS WITH THE WESTERN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. THE COLUMNIST STRESSES THAT ABBA EBAN REPRESENTS ONLY AN INCREASINGLY SMALL MINORITY, WHILE THERE IS A THIRD POSSIBILITY IN ISRAEL BETWEEN WITHDRAWING AND ANNEXING THE TERRITORIES, AND THAT IS WAGING A WAR AS A PRETEXT FOR EXPELLING AS MANY PALESTINIANS AS POSSIBLE. IN AL-MUSAWWAR PERIODICAL, EDITOR IN CHIEF MAKRAM MOHAMMAD

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AHMAD CRITICIZES THE PALESTINIANS FOR WASTING PEACE OPPORTUNITIES AND REFUSING TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ TO EXPLAIN THEIR VIEWPOINTS TO HIM FACE TO FACE. EDITOR IN CHIEF OF GUMHOURIYYA MAHFOUZ AL-ANSAARI ALSO MAKES THE SAME POINT.

2. EGYPT/US. ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORT MUBARAK RECEIVED THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF "USA TODAY" NEWSPAPER. MUBARAK WAS INTERVIEWED WITHIN A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE PAPER WITH 30 HEADS OF STATE.

3. EGYPT/SUDAN. ALL PAPERS REPORT PM SEDKY IS EXPECTED TO VISIT KHARTOUM AT THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY IN APRIL TO COMPLETE THE TALKS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MUBARAK ON MARCH 1.

4. EGYPT/TURKEY. AHAM REPORTS THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT EGYPT AND TURKEY WILL PERFORM JOINT NAVAL EXERCISES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BY THE END OF 1988. A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXERCISES WERE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY COUNTRY, BUT THEY WERE ORGANIZED IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN EGYPTIAN-TURKISH RELATIONS.

IN A SEPARATE GITEM, PAPERS REPORT THAT FROM A FIELD OF FOURTEEN CONTENDERS, THE EGYPTIAN PUBLIC SECTOR FIRM "SEMAF" HAS WON A USD 25 MILLION CONTRACT TO PROVIDE RAILWAY CARRIAGES TO TURKEY. THE ISLAMIC BANK WILL FINANCE USD 16 MILLION AND THE REMAINING USD 9 MILLION WILL COVERED BY A BILATERAL BARTER ARRANGEMENT.

5. EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR UPRISING. AHAM REPORTS THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EGYPTIAN COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORTING THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING
EXAMINED IN ITS FIFTH MEETING THE COMMITTEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS
REGARDING FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF AID TO THE
PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE COMMITTEE
STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF PROVIDING FURTHER SUPPORT FOR
THE PALESTINIANS THROUGH RAISING FUNDS.

DOMESTIC NEWS

6. MUBARAK/ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. ALL PAPERS REPORT MUBARAK
WILL PERFORM THE FRIDAY PRAYERS MARCH 4 AT AL-AZHAR MOSQUE
WITH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC PROPAGATION
CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY 300 ISLAMIC
PERSONALITIES, AND DELEGATIONS FROM 88 COUNTRIES. MUBARAK
WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE AT ITS INAUGURAL SESSION ON
MARCH 5.

7. PRICE INCREASE. AKHBAR REPORTS THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
WILL DISCUSS IN ITS COMING SESSION ON MARCH 5 QUERIES ON
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PRICE INCREASES OF FOODSTUFFS, THE EDUCATIONAL POLICY, AND
DIFFICULTIES IN TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

8. ECONOMICAL HOUSING LOANS. AKHBAR REPORTS THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT BANK AGREED TO
INCREASE SOFT-TERM LOAN ALLOCATIONS FOR BUILDING LOW-COST
HOUSING UNITS IN GOVERNORATES FROM LE 170 TO 232 MILLION.

9. WIPING OUT ILLITERACY. AHARAM REPORTS LE 50 MILLION
HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR TEACHING BASIC LITERACY TO 17
MILLION CITIZENS IN 10 YEARS.

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10. IRRIGATION. AHAM REPORTS 2.3 MILLION FEDDANS WILL
 BE IRRIGATED WITH GROUND, SEWAGE, AND ORDINARY WATER.

11. ENERGY. AHAM REPORTS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM QANDIL
 HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOTTED LE 120
 MILLION TO EXPAND THE USE OF NATURAL GAS IN CAIRO AND
 ALEXANDRIA DURING NEXT FIVE YEARS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE
 DEMAND FOR BUTAGAS. HE ALSO STATED THAT BOTTLENECKS ARE
 BEING REMOVED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF BUTAGAS BOTTLES.

12. EXCHANGE RATES. ALL PAPERS REPORT THE BANK EXCHANGE
 RATE FOR MARCH 3 IS: USD 1 EQUALS L.E. 2.225 (BUYING) AND

L.E. 2.231 (SELLING).

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13. EGYPT/SUDAN. AL-WAFD REPORTS THAT MUBARAK DEFINED FIVE CONDITIONS FOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SUPPORT OF SUDAN: NOT TO APPLY THE JOINT EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE DEFENSE PACT AGAINST THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES; NOT TO APPLY THE JOINT DEFENSE PACT AGAINST THE NILE BASIN COUNTRIES; NOT TO APPLY THE PACT TO INTERNAL ISSUES; DIRECTING THE PACT AGAINST ANY FOREIGN AGGRESSION THAT POSES A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF EGYPT AND SUDAN; AND NOT TO APPLY THE PACT IN A WAY THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE JOINT ARAB DEFENSE CHARTER. HOWEVER, AL-WAFD NOTES, MUBARAK SAID IT WAS WISER NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAR AGAINST ETHIOPIA BECAUSE OF

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BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EGYPTIAN MEDIATION BETWEEN THE SUDANESE AND ETHIOPIAN PARTIES.

14. EGYPT/ISRAEL. AL-WAFD REPORTS ISRAEL INFORMED EGYPT THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV OF ITS PROTEST AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN STATEMENTS ISSUED IN CAIRO IN SUPPORT OF THE UPRISING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ISRAEL AFFIRMED THAT THIS WAS A VIOLATION OF THE CAMP DAVID PROVISIONS, AND CALLED UPON THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MEASURES AGAINST ANTI-ISRAELI ACTS. IN A SEPARATE ITEM, AL-WAFD REPORTS THE ISRAELI DEPUTY CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE ACCUSED EGYPT OF NEGLECTING THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT AND PREPARING FOR ANOTHER WAR BY MASSING TROOPS ALONG THE BORDERS.

15. ISLAMIC INVESTMENT COMPANIES. AL-WAFD REPORTS THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THE BILL REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC SAVINGS-POOLING COMPANIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PM RECEIVED A SECRET REPORT INDICATING THAT THESE COMPANIES' ACTIVITIES WERE ACTUALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE BANKING LAWS. ACCORDING TO AL-WAFD, THE PRIME MINISTER ORDERED THE COMPOSITION OF DISCUSSION COMMITTEES IN WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC GROUP,

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INVESTMENT AND FINANCIL MARKET EXPERTS, AND THE OWNERS OF
THE INVESTMENT COMPANIES WOULD PARTICIPATE TO AGREE ON A
NEW FORMULA FOR THE LAW.

16. "EGYPT' REVOLUTION." AN INSIDE PAGE ARTICLE IN
AL-WAFD DR. SALAH AL-'AQQAD WRITES THAT AS EXPECTED A
LARGE NUMBER OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAVE SYMPATHIZED WITH
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THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING. HOWEVER, THE WRITER NOTES, THE
NASSERIST MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION - DESPITE THE FACT
THAT THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO CONFRONT ISRAEL AND ZIONISM THE

WAY THEY DID - ARE NOT ENTITLED TO REACTIVATE CONFRONTATION AGAINST ISRAEL FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, BECAUSE NASSER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 1967 DEFEAT AND THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF SINAI WHICH FINALLY ENDED BY THE PEACE TREATY; AND SECOND, BECAUSE NASSER HIMSELF EXPRESSED READINESS IN 1970 TO ACCEPT THE ROGERS PLAN WHICH WAS ACTUALLY A RECOGNITION OF ISRAELI RIGHTS. AL-'AQQAD

POINTS OUT THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CASE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME WAS EITHER A PREPARATION FOR RENEWING THE EMERGENCY LAW OR AN ACT OF COMPLIANCE WITH US PRESSURE TO REPRESENT THE CASE AS PART OF A PLAN FOR COMBATING TERRORISM. THE WRITER NOTES THAT IT IS STRANGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ACCUSE THE THIRD DEFENDANT OF COMMUNICATING WITH A FOREIGN COUNTRY, NOR DID IT ACCUSE THE US EMBASSY OF VIOLATING THE DIPLOMATIC NORM BY DETAINING AN EGYPTIAN CITIZEN. CONCLUDING THAT THE NASSERIST CURRENT DOES NOT MEAN NATIONALISM, AL-'AQQAD UNDERLINES THE NECESSITY OF A CORRECT POLITICAL GROUP WITH HISTORICAL ORIGINS, I.E. THE WAFD PARTY, AND CAPABLE OF CONTINUAL RENEWAL TO CONFRONT THE QUICK DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICTS.

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1. SUMMARY. IN A MARCH 1 PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE, BEN-AHARON SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE U.S. PACKAGE AS LONG AS A PERIOD OF AUTONOMY WAS INSURED AS A TEST BEFORE RESOLVING FINAL STATUS. ISRAEL COULD NOT ACCEPT AN EARLY DATE CERTAIN FOR NEGOTIATIONS OVER SOVEREIGNTY. BEN-AHARON SAID ISRAEL WAS SURPRISED BY JORDAN'S REJECTION OF THE U.S. PACKAGE, BECAUSE IT HAD GONE SO FAR TOWARD JORDANIAN DESIRES. IN HIS VIEW, THERE WAS NOT MUCH CHANCE OF POSITIVE MOVEMENT. THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE SHAMIR'S WASHINGTON VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. YOSEF BEN-AHARON AND NIMROD NOVIK BRIEFED THE

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CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS MARCH 1 ON THEIR RESPECTIVE VIEWS OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PEACE PROCESS. SUMMARIES OF THEIR PRESENTATIONS FOLLOW.

BEN AHARON: LAYING THE BLAME AT HUSSEIN'S DOOR

3. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR

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BEN-AHARON CREDITED SHAMIR'S JANUARY LETTER TO THE SECRETARY AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN BEGINNING THE ENTIRE INITIATIVE. HE INDICATED THAT IN THAT LETTER SHAMIR INDICATED WHAT ISRAEL COULD AND COULD NOT ACCEPT, AND THAT -- AS FAR AS ISRAEL WAS CONCERNED -- ONLY THE UNITED STATES COULD PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING PEACE IN THE REGION.

4. BEN-AHARON STRESSED THAT THE CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE PEACE PROCESS WAS HOW TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AT THE "HUMAN LEVEL" FOR THE PALESTINIANS. HE MAINTAINED THAT AUTONOMY WAS THE ONLY WAY TO BEGIN, AND THAT THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY CANNOT BE DEALT WITH CONSTRUCTIVELY AT THIS STAGE. WHILE THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY IS THE BE ALL AND END ALL FOR THE ARABS, ISRAEL IS SIMPLY NOT PREPARED TO RETURN TO A PRE-1967 SITUATION IN THE TERRITORIES. ACCORDINGLY, THE PATH TO A SOLUTION MUST PLAY DOWN QUESTIONS LIKE SOVEREIGNTY AND FOCUS ON PRACTICAL MEASURES. BEN-AHARON SAID THAT, AT THE END OF THE ROAD, HIS VISION FOR THE REGION WAS AKIN TO THAT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY, WHERE ONE CAN CROSS BORDERS WITHOUT PASSPORTS. SUCH A SITUATION REDUCED THE SOVEREIGNTY DIMENSION.

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5. BEN-AHARON SAID THAT HUSSEIN HAD TOLD ISRAELIS DIRECTLY IN PRIOR DISCUSSIONS THAT THE ARAB WORLD MUST FIRST BE GIVEN BACK THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY IT WOULD DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. SUCH AN APPROACH WAS UTTERLY UNACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL.

6. BEN-AHARON SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD REPORTED THAT THE JORDANIANS -- WHILE WELCOMING HIS MISSION -- STATED THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT THE U.S. PACKAGE. BEN-AHARON CHARACTERIZED THE JORDANIAN POSITION AS INCONSISTENT.

ISRAEL'S POSITION

7. BEN-AHARON SAID THAT FOR HIS PART, PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR HAD SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE U.S. PACKAGE AS LONG AS A PERIOD OF AUTONOMY WAS INSURED AS A TEST BEFORE RESOLVING FINAL STATUS. ISRAEL COULD NOT ACCEPT AN EARLY DATE CERTAIN FOR NEGOTIATIONS OVER SOVEREIGNTY. WHILE IN PRINCIPLE ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS SOVEREIGNTY AT ANY TIME, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE OUTCOME IN THE NEAR TERM

WOULD BE DEADLOCK -- WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS
DETERIORATION, INCLUDING WAR.

8. BEN-AHARON REPORTED THAT ISRAEL WAS SURPRISED BY
JORDAN'S REJECTION OF THE U.S. PACKAGE, BECAUSE IT
HAD GONE SO FAR TOWARD JORDANIAN DESIRES. HE SAID
THAT JORDAN'S ONLY INTEREST IN INTERIM MEASURES WAS
AS A STEP TOWARD ARAB SOVEREIGNTY.

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9. BEN-AHARON SAID ISRAEL NOW MUST WAIT AND SEE WHAT

THE U.S. WILL DO. HE WAS NOT UPBEAT IN HIS PRESENTATION, NOTING THAT SYRIA APPEARED TO BE LOCKED INTO A NEGATIVE POSITION AND THAT JORDAN APPEARED TO BE LINKED TO SYRIA. IN HIS VIEW, THIS DID NOT LEAVE MUCH CHANCE FOR POSITIVE MOVEMENT. THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE SHAMIR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO "MESSIANIC DETERMINATION" (SIC) AT PRESENT IN THE REGION, EITHER FOR PEACE OR WAR. ONE SHOULD NOT DRAW PICTURES IN BLACK AND WHITE OF HOPE AND DESPAIR. IT WAS UP TO SECRETARY SHULTZ TO

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DETERMINE FOR HIMSELF IF THERE WAS A BASIS FOR PROGRESS.

NOVIK: ISRAEL MUST TEST THE ARAB WORLD'S WILLINGNESS

FOR PEACE

10. PERES ADVISOR NOVIK REVIEWED THE EVOLUTION IN THE LABOR PARTY'S APPROACH TO THE PEACE PROCESS IN FAMILIAR TERMS. WHILE STATING THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO BE POLEMICAL, NOVIK SAID THERE WAS IRONY IN BEN-AHARON'S CHARACTERIZATION OF JORDAN'S POSITION AS INCONSISTENT (IN WELCOMING SECRETARY SHULTZ'S MISSION BUT NOT ACCEPTING THE ENTIRE PACKAGE) WHILE PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR WAS DOING EXACTLY THE SAME THING. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A TIME TO LOOK FORWARD, AWAY FROM THE STIGMAS OF THE PAST. GIVEN THE MAJOR TRANSFORMATION WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE ARAB WORLD, ISRAEL MUST TEST WHETHER THE ARABS ARE WILLING TO MAKE PEACE. HE SAID IT WAS IN ISRAEL'S HANDS WHETHER THE WORLD EXHIBITED HOSTILITY OR FRIENDLINESS TOWARD IT; AN AGGRESSIVE PEACE POLICY WOULD GAIN SUPPORT.

11. NOVIK SURMISED THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ DID NOT LEARN MUCH DURING HIS VISIT TO THE REGION, AND THAT HE NOW FINDS HIMSELF IN THE POSITION WHICH HE ANTICIPATED. BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING DEMANDS WHICH WERE UNACCEPTABLE, AND EACH MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS IF PROGRESS WILL BE MADE. NOVIK EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ'S DETERMINATION WOULD BE SUSTAINED.

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12. NOVIK POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO PREPARE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HIS MISSION, INCLUDING IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, CONGRESS, AND THE MEDIA. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE NEVER REACH THE POINT WHERE ISRAEL IS BLAMED FOR FAILURE OF THE MISSION, SAYING THAT HE DREADED THE DAY WHEN AN AMERICAN PUBLIC, CONGRESS, AND ADMINISTRATION GREW FED UP WITH WHAT IT SAW ON TELEVISION FROM ISRAEL AND REDUCED ITS SUPPORT. PICKERING

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- SHAMIR AND PERES

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1. SUMMARY : ON TUESDAY MORNING (MARCH 1), SHAMIR AND PERES BRIEFED THE INNER CABINET ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND THE U.S. PEACE PROCESS INITIATIVE. DAVID LEVY ATTACKED BOTH SHAMIR AND PERES FOR THEIR "NEGLIGENCE" IN RESPONDING TO THE U.S. INITIATIVE. HE CRITICIZED THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT'S (NUG) INABILITY TO MAKE VITAL DECISIONS AND CALLED FOR EARLY ELECTIONS. (WE DISCUSS SEPTTEL THE PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ELECTIONS.) THIS MESSAGE ALSO CONTAINS COMMENTS BY SHAMIR, PERES, RABIN, AND LEVY LEAKED FROM THE MEETING AND REPORTED IN THE MEDIA. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MARCH 2, SHAMIR BRIEFED THE INNER CABINET ON

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THE DETAILS OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE. ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, SHAMIR SAID THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

--PEACE TALKS WILL OPEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AUSPICES" ATTENDED BY THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UNSC. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CONVENED AT THE INVITATION OF THE UN SEC GEN. SYRIA AND LEBANON WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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--PEACE TALKS WILL BE BASED ON UNSC RES. 242 AND 338
--THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DICTATE TO THE
SIDES IN THEIR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, NOR WILL IT BE
ABLE TO VETO ANY AGREEMENT REACHED BY THEM. THE U.S.
HAS OFFERED IN THE PAST TO GUARANTEE THAT IT WOULD
LEAVE THE CONFERENCE IF THESE GUIDELINES WERE
VIOLATED BY ANY PARTICIPATING MEMBER.

--THE U.S. WILL PRESENT ITS OWN PROPOSAL FOR AN
INTERIM SETTLEMENT.

--TALKS ON AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WILL BE HELD FOR
SIX MONTHS. FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION,
PREPARATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERIM
AGREEMENT WILL LAST FOR FOUR MONTHS. THUS, IF TALKS
ON THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT BEGIN ON MAY 1, THEY WILL
BE CONCLUDED ON NOVEMBER 1 AND THE SELF-GOVERNING
ADMINISTRATION IN THE TERRITORIES WILL BE INSTALLED
ON FEB. 1, 1989.

--AN INTERIM AGREEMENT FOR THE GOLAN HEIGHTS MIGHT
ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

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--TALKS ON THE FINAL STATUS OF THE TERRITORIES WILL
BEGIN ON DECEMBER 1, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE
TALKS ON THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT.

3. FOLLOWING SHAMIR'S BRIEFING AND REMARKS BY PERES,
DAVID LEVY UNEXPECTEDLY ATTACKED BOTH THE PRIME
MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. HE CRITICIZED THE
"NEGLIGENCE" OF THE NUG IN ITS HANDLING OF THE
AMERICAN INITIATIVE AND CALLED FOR EARLY ELECTIONS.
(WE DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ELECTIONS IN
SEPTEL.)

4. CHOICE QUOTES FROM THE INNER CABINET MEETING WERE
QUICKLY LEAKED TO THE MEDIA. THE PASSAGES BELOW WERE
DRAWN FROM MEDIA REPORTS AND PROVIDE THE FLAVOR OF
THE MEETING.

-- LEVY SHARPLY ATTACKED SHAMIR AND PERES FOR THEIR
"NEGLIGENT" APPROACH TO THE U.S. PEACE INITIATIVE,
WHICH LACKED THE MOST BASIC COORDINATION BETWEEN THE
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER.

--LEVY: "OUR BEHAVIOR IS GENUINE IRRESPONSIBILITY.
IT IS CAUSING THE COUNTRY HARM, DAMAGING STAMINA AND
THE IDF, AND CREATING CONFUSION IN THE NATION. IS
ANYONE ASKING OR TAKING AN INTEREST IN HOW WE APPEAR

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AS A GOVERNMENT OR IS THE IMPORTANT THING HOW TO CONCLUDE CABINET SESSIONS WITHOUT ANY SHOCKS? WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THIS MISERABLE ROUTINE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE COUNTRY? IN THE POLITICAL AND DEFENSE REALMS, EVERYTHING IS ON FIRE ALL AROUND US. MORALE IS ALSO BEING HARMED. HOW MUCH LONGER WILL WE BURY OUR HEADS IN THE SAND? FOR HOW LONG?"

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--LEVY'S ATTACK BEGAN AFTER REMARKS BY SHAMIR AND PERES, WHO REVIEWED THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS. SHAMIR EVEN CITED FROM THE DRAFT PROPOSAL SHULTZ HAD HANDED OVER.

--LEVY: "WE HAVE ALREADY READ THOSE DETAILS IN THE

NEWSPAPER. THERE IS NO NEED TO COME TO THE INNER CABINET FOR YOU TO GIVE US THOSE DETAILS. WHAT INTERESTS US IS WHAT DID YOU PROPOSED TO SHULTZ? DID YOU CLOSE YOUR EARS, OR MAYBE YOU FAVORED OR REJECTED THE PROPOSALS? THE ISSUE IS VERY SERIOUS. WHAT POSITION ARE YOU BRINGING TO THE INNER CABINET? WHAT ARE WE TO DECIDE HERE?"

--SHAMIR: "I AGAIN EXPLAINED TO SHULTZ THAT I AM OPPOSED TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AN EARLY

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DISCUSSION OF THE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS AND I ADHERE TO THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS."

--PERES: "I MADE IT CLEAR TO SHULTZ, AND I AM NOT CONCEALING THIS, THAT I FAVOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE FORMAT AGREED ON WITH HUSSEIN IN LONDON."

--LEVY: "FROM WHAT YOU SAY THE ISRAELI POSITION CAN BE DEFINED AS YES AND NO. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE SECRETARY CAN UNDERSTAND FROM THIS EMBARRASSING STATE OF AFFAIRS? WHICH OF THE POSITIONS PRESENTED TO HIM IS ISRAEL'S AGREED-ON POSITION, THAT HE CAN USE IN HIS MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES? DOES THIS EMBARRASSING SITUATION NOT BOTHER YOU? DO YOU NOT SEE THE RISKS STEMMING FROM THIS PARADOXICAL SITUATION? ANY THINKING PERSON WILL SAY THAT ISRAEL HAS NO POSITION ON THE ISSUE THAT INVOLVES ITS EXISTENCE AND ITS FUTURE, AND THIS AS AT A TIME WHEN THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS AT ITS PEAK. I VERY MUCH FEAR THE GRAVE RESULTS THIS WAY OF DEALING WITH MATTERS WILL PRODUCE. WE WILL YET BE ACCUSED OF HAVING MISLED SHULTZ AND AFTER THAT WE CAN ALSO EXPECT THE RISK OF A CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES."

--REFERRING TO THE PEACE INITIATIVE, LEVY SAID THAT "ALL THE RISKS ARE EMBODIED IN IT. THIS IS A PACKAGE THAT BRINGS WITH IT AN EVASION OF THE U.S. COMMITMENT (TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS), AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, ADVANCE ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS FOR A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS, THE PLO'S PARTICIPATION AND HANDING OVER THE GOLAN HEIGHTS."

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--LEVY: "WE, AS INNER CABINET MEMBERS, ARE ALSO BETRAYING OUR POSITIONS. INSTEAD OF DISCUSSING THE INITIATIVE WITH ITS IMPLICATIONS, WE ARE CONTINUING THE GAME OF BLOCKING EACH OTHER, AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. INSTEAD OF A UNITED STAND, WE ARE WITNESSING DEMONSTRATIVE COURTING IN WHICH EACH ONE IS TRYING TO PLEASE SHULTZ MORE. THIS CANNOT GO ON. I HAVE BEEN SILENT FOR TOO LONG. I ONLY EXPRESSED MY VIEWS IN THE INNER CABINET IN THE HOPE THAT THE COMMON BASIS UPON WHICH THIS GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED STILL EXISTS."

--LEVY CARRIED ON WITH HIS CRITICISM FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR. NOT ONE OF THE MINISTERS TRIED TO INTERRUPT HIM. FINALLY, LEVY ASKED: "WHAT DAMAGE MUST WE SUFFER BEFORE WE UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE OF THE DISPUTE AMONG OURSELVES WE ARE INCAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THE STATE AS THEY SHOULD BE DEALT WITH. IT IS A DUTY TO DO WHAT THIS CRITICAL SITUATION REQUIRES. SINCE THERE IS NO LONGER ANY BASIS FOR JOINT ACTION, WE SHOULD GO TO THE NATION WITHOUT DELAY. THIS IS A RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON EVERY ONE OF US. IF WE DO NOT DO THIS, WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN A SITUATION LACKING THE ABILITY TO FUNCTION. THE DAMAGE WILL CONTINUE, WITH ACCUSATIONS BEING MADE OF "PEACE SEEKERS" AGAINST "PEACE REJECTIONISTS". WE MUST REMEMBER THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY LAID ON US ALL AND ON EACH OF US SEPARATELY."

--RABIN: "I ADMIT THAT THE TIME OF DECISIONS IS NEAR. BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AMONG OURSELVES."

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--PERES: "IT WAS A VERY GRAVE MISSED OPPORTUNITY
WHEN THE INNER CABINET COULD NOT DECIDE LAST APRIL TO
SUPPORT AN INTERNATIONAL OPENING. WE MUST NOT MISS
THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN."

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I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO HIS HIGHNESS WHO
WAS VERY GRACIOUS IN RECEIVING ME AND MY DELEGATION HERE
AND TO SAY THAT WE FEEL WE'VE HAD A THOROUGH AND
CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS READ
OUT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE JORDANIAN POINT OF VIEW AND I'M
NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. OBVIOUSLY
THAT'S THEIR POINT OF VIEW, BUT WE DO AGREE THAT THE
OBJECT HERE IS TO FIND OUR WAY TO A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE,
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AND OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO HAVE IT A PEACE IN WHICH
EVERYONE CAN LIVE IN SECURITY AND PROSPERITY AND LEARN
HOW TO GET ALONG A LITTLE BETTER WITH EACH OTHER. SO
WE'LL CONTINUE ON OUR WAY. AGAIN, MY THANKS TO HIS
HIGHNESS AND THE GRACIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE WERE
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1. SUMMARY. ON THE EVE OF SECRETARY SHULTZ' ARRIVAL IN AMMAN, THE GOJ IS OFFERING LITTLE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE VISIT BEYOND SAYING THAT THE SECRETARY IS "WELCOME." JORDANIAN MEDIA, AFTER A PERIOD OF INTENSE NEGATIVISM ABOUT THE U.S. INITIATIVE--AND FOLLOWING GOJ DIRECTIONS TO BE MORE POSITIVE--HAVE WELCOMED THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, THOUGH WITH LITTLE OPTIMISM ABOUT ITS PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS. THE JORDANIAN PUBLIC REMAINS DEEPLY SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE OLD COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED PAST U.S. DEFICIENCIES AND BREACHES OF FAITH IN THE PEACE PROCESS, THERE IS A STRONG SENSE THAT THE U.S. MOTIVATION IS TO RESCUE ISRAEL FROM THE PALESTINIAN "UPRISING." MEANWHILE,

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JORDANIANS HAVE CONTRADICTORY EMOTIONS ABOUT KING HUSSEIN'S ABSENCE: MANY SUPPORT HUSSEIN'S EFFORT TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM THE SHULTZ VISIT UNTIL THE U.S. IS TESTED BY SHAMIR'S RESPONSE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MANY JORDANIANS ARE UNUSUALLY CRITICAL OF THE KING FOR NEGLECTING POLITICS AT HOME. END SUMMARY.

NO GOJ COMMENT ON PEACE INITIATIVE, BUT SHULTZ IS WELCOME

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2. (U) MINISTER OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AFFAIRS MARWAN DUDIN IN A FEBRUARY 22 PRESS CONFERENCE DECLINED TO STATE ANY GOJ OPINION REGARDING THE U.S. INITIATIVE: "(THE JORDANIAN POSITION) IS NOT TO MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT, BECAUSE THESE ARE BASICALLY AMERICAN MOVES AND WE WILL LEAVE IT TO SHULTZ TO TALK ABOUT THEM WHEN HE COMES." DUDIN STRESSED THAT JORDAN "WELCOMES" THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THAT "WE ARE NOT WITH ANY REACTIVATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH DOES NOT LEAD TO AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE." IN A FEBRUARY 22 STATEMENT IN YEMEN, FOREIGN MINISTER TAHER MASRI ALSO EMPHASIZED GOJ ADHERENCE TO "ITS FIRM STAND CALLING FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF A JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE THROUGH THE CONVOCAION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE." A FEBRUARY 23 DENIAL THAT SHULTZ PLANS TO SHUTTLE BETWEEN AMMAN AND TEL AVIV (FBIS REF) REPRESENTS THE GOJ'S ONLY RECENT COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE VISIT.

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3. (U) AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF INTENSELY NEGATIVE COMMENTARY, IN RECENT DAYS JORDAN'S MEDIA HAVE BEEN MORE POSITIVE ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY IS COMING, IF LESS THAN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF HIS MISSION. THIS WARMING TREND IS THE RESULT OF GOJ DIRECTIONS TO BE MORE POSITIVE. AMMAN RADIO HAS REPORTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT GOJ OFFICIALS "WELCOME (SHULTZ') VISIT TO JORDAN OUT OF APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. ROLE IN THE EFFORTS TO ATTAIN PEACE IN THE REGION."

4. (U) APART FROM A FEW DISMISSIVE OP/ED PIECES, AMMAN'S NEWSPAPERS HAVE ALSO WELCOMED THE VISIT, WITH SOME ADVISING THAT JORDAN SHOULD NOT BE THE FIRST TO REJECT THE U.S. PROPOSALS. AL-RA'Y (ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY) IN ITS FEBRUARY 24 LEAD EDITORIAL DECLARED THAT "AMMAN'S WELCOME OF SHULTZ'S VISIT REFLECTS THE KINGDOM'S CONFIDENCE THAT THE U.S. COULD PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE REGION...." SAWT AS-SHA'B (SEMI-OFFICIAL ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY) ON THE SAME DAY COMMENTED THAT "JORDAN...WELCOMES SHULTZ' CURRENT TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN ORDER TO MAKE VARIOUS STANDPOINTS INTERACT POSITIVELY TOWARDS PEACE," ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT

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"THE...MISSION IS A VERY DIFFICULT ONE...." IN FEBRUARY 23 REMARKS BEFORE THE AMMAN ROTARY CLUB, MAHMOUD SHARIF (GAZAN PUBLISHER OF THE ARAB LANGUAGE DAILY AL-DUSTUR) CALLED ON THE ARAB NATION "NOT TO BE THE FIRST TO REJECT THE U.S. PROPOSALS." THE JORDAN TIMES (ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY) IN A FEBRUARY 25 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "LOOKING

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BEYOND SHULTZ' VISIT" CALLED ON THE ARAB STATES TO "MAKE IT MORE CLEAR TO REASONABLE ISRAELIS THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN INDEED LEAD TO THE TWIN AIMS OF ISRAELI SECURITY AND ARAB NATIONAL RIGHTS."

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BUT THE JORDANIAN PUBLIC REMAINS SKEPTICAL

5. [REDACTED] DESPITE A LOW-KEY WELCOME FOR THE SHULTZ VISIT FROM BOTH THE GOJ AND JORDANIAN MEDIA, PUBLIC OPINION REMAINS DEEPLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE TIMING, MOTIVATION AND PROSPECTS FOR THE VISIT. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE OLD COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED PAST U.S. FAILURES AND BREACHES OF FAITH IN THE PEACE PROCESS, MOST JORDANIANS BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. INITIATIVE IS MOTIVATED PRIMARILY [REDACTED]
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BY A DESIRE TO BRING AN END TO THE PALESTINIAN "UPRISING" AND THUS RESCUE ISRAEL FROM INTERNATIONAL OPPROBRIUM AND THE "NATURAL CONSEQUENCE" OF OCCUPATION. WIDELY REPORTED ISRAELI LEAKS ABOUT "AUTONOMY" AND "INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS" HAVE INCREASED JORDANIAN DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS TO DEAL WITH LAND FOR PEACE AND RAISED FEARS THAT THE U.S. IS SEEKING TO ISOLATE JORDAN FROM SYRIA AND THE PLO. AS THE SECRETARY'S VISIT DRAWS NEARER, WE HAVE NOTED A RISE IN SUCH WORRIES, WHICH ARE GROUNDED IN MOST JORDANIANS' SENSE OF THEIR NATION'S SOMETIMES PRECARIOUS SECURITY POSITION.

6. [REDACTED] MANY OF OUR INTERLOCUTORS, BOTH PALESTINIANS AND EAST BANKERS, EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT HUSSEIN IS WISE NOT TO SIGN ONTO THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS WITHOUT THOROUGHLY EXAMINING WHAT WASHINGTON HAS IN MIND, AND, IN PARTICULAR, SEEING SHAMIR'S REACTION FIRST. THIS LIMITED PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF THE KING'S DECISION NOT TO RETURN TO JORDAN TO MEET SHULTZ IS STILL MORE THAN OFFSET BY PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION AT HIS LONG ABSENCE OVER THE PAST MONTH, HOWEVER. JORDANIANS ARE NOT HOSTILE TO THIS LATEST U.S. ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE PEACE PROCESS, BUT THERE IS WIDESPREAD CYNICISM AND DOUBT THAT WASHINGTON WILL DO ANYTHING TO SURMOUNT WHAT EVERYONE HERE BELIEVES IS A CERTAIN RESULT--ISRAELI DEADLOCK AND PERHAPS EVEN REJECTION. SUDDARTH

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2. SUMMARY: SYRIAN MEDIA COMMENT ON THE U.S. PEACE INITIATIVE AND THE SECRETARY'S TRIP CONTINUES TO REFLECT SKEPTICISM OVER U.S. OBJECTIVES. A CONSTANT THEME IS THAT THE U.S. MUST EVINCE AN ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH ITS POLICIES FROM THOSE OF ISRAEL IF IT IS TO PLAY THE ROLE OF AN HONEST BROKER. THE SYRIANS STRESS THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION THAT INCLUDES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED LANDS AND THE RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. THE TRANSMISSIONS OF RADIO AL-QUDS CALLING FOR CONFRONTATION STAND IN CONTRAST TO AN APPARENT SYRIAN WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE U.S.

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INITIATIVE TO PLAY OUT. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SECRETARY CAN CONVINCE THE SYRIANS THAT THE U.S. IS SERIOUS ABOUT PURSUING A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION, HE WILL RECEIVE AN ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE. END SUMMARY.

3. SYRIAN MEDIA COMMENTARY ON THE U.S. PEACE PROCESS INITIATIVE DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS BECOME INTERTWINED WITH THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE REGION. IN NUMEROUS EDITORIALS,

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U.S. PROPOSALS AND THE SHULTZ VISIT ARE VIEWED AS AN INTENSIVE AMERICAN PUSH TO RELIEVE THE ISRAELIS OF PRESSURE FROM THE UPRISING. THE MAIN STRAND IN ALL COMMENTS IS THAT AS LONG AS U.S. POLICY CONTINUES TO BE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THAT OF ISRAEL IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. TO PLAY THE ROLE OF AN HONEST BROKER. VETOES IN THE UN ARE NOT HELPFUL. WHILE THE U.S. MAY PROMISE A NEGOTIATION STANCE BASED ON THE EXCHANGE OF LAND FOR PEACE, THE TRUTH IS THAT SHAMIR REFUSES TO ABANDON THE TERRITORIES. THE "SPOILED GOODS" WASHINGTON IS TRYING TO PEDDLE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF OLD PLANS CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION. IF WASHINGTON TRIES TO "MARKET" THESE, IT HAS AND WILL COME UP AGAINST THE SYRIAN STAND: A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S INALIENABLE RIGHTS THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THE U.S. ERRS IF IT BELIEVES THE ISSUE IS THAT OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. THAT TIME HAS PASSED. IT IS, RATHER, ONE OF LAND AND RIGHTS. THE U.S. MUST PERSUADE ISRAEL TO HALT ITS OCCUPATION POLICY THROUGH ACTIONS WHICH PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN IT AND ISRAEL.

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4. WHILE THE PRESS CONTINUES TO CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND TO HIGHLIGHT U.S. AND ISRAELI ISOLATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CRITICISM OF THE U.S. UNDERTAKING ITSELF. ONLY ONE RADIO COMMENTARY ON DAMASCUS RADIO OF FEBRUARY 20 HAS MENTIONED THE SOVIET UNION, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD WAIT TO SEE IF MOSCOW COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. THAT EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT A SOVIET ROLE IN THE REGION IS JUSTIFIED BY VIRTUE OF ITS BEING A SUPERPOWER, A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND BY ITS SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST PEACE. THE SOVIET UNION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "WILL BE POSITIVE AND USEFUL."

5. AT THE SAME TIME SYRIAN MEDIA HAS REFRAINED FROM URGING CONTINUED VIOLENCE AND STRIDENT COMMENTARY ON A POSSIBLE SHULTZ/PALESTINIAN MEETING. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THE CONFRONTATIONAL STANCE ADVOCATED BY PFLP/CG'S RADIO AL-QUDS, WHOSE BROADCASTS ARE ASSUREDLY CLEARED BY THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. IN A FEBRUARY 22 BROADCAST,

THE RADICAL PALESTINIAN RADIO CALLS ON THE RISING
TO REJECT THE U.S. EFFORT AND TO ESCALATE PROTEST
ACTIVITIES DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. THE
PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PALES-
TINIAN "NOTABLES" IS TERMED "USELESS" BECAUSE
THESE INDIVIDUALS LACK CREDIBILITY.

6. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE NOTED BEFORE, THE SYRIANS

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HAVE LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE U.S. CAN
PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE -- IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE
FULFILLED. GIVEN THE SYRIAN VIEWS OF THE U.S./
ISRAELI "ALLIANCE," THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN EXPECT

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THE SYRIANS HAVE TAKEN THE PUBLIC POSITION THAT THE U.S. HAS ONLY ONE GOAL IN MIND -- THE RESCUE OF ISRAEL FROM ITS CURRENT PROBLEMS THROUGH PARTIAL SOLUTIONS. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN CONVINCE THE SYRIANS OF OUR DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE AND INTEREST IN A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION, THE SYRIANS WILL REMAIN, AT A MINIMUM, WILLING TO LISTEN. AS THE DAMASCUS RADIO COMMENTARY STATES: "IF SHULTZ WANTS A JUST PEACE, THE DOOR IS WELL-KNOWN AND HE CAN ENTER IT PEACEFULLY."

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1. SUMMARY: ONE PALESTINIAN GIRL WAS KILLED,
APPARENTLY BY SETTLERS, LAST NIGHT (FEBRUARY 22)
AND ONE BOY WAS KILLED BY THE IDF DURING A
DEMONSTRATION IN JENIN THIS MORNING (FEBRUARY
23). IN ADDITION, ONE PALESTINIAN DIED OF WOUNDS
INFLICTED LAST FRIDAY. SCATTERED STONE-THROWING
INCIDENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS DOTTED THE WEST BANK
YESTERDAY AND TODAY. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES STAGED A
MASSIVE SHOW OF POLICE PRESENCE IN EAST JERUSALEM
AND NEIGHBORING ARAB VILLAGES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO
QUELL CONTINUING UNREST. A PAMPHLET ISSUED BY THE
"ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT" SUPPORTED THE CALL
FOR A TWO DAY TOTAL STRIKE. END SUMMARY.

THREE PALESTINIANS DIE IN PAST TWO DAYS
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2. A 13 YEAR OLD PALESTINIAN GIRL, RAWDA LUTFI
NAJIB, WAS KILLED AT 2100 LOCAL TIME FEBRUARY 22
IN BAQA AS-SHARQIEH IN THE FAR NORTHERN WEST
BANK. ACCORDING TO THE PALESTINE PRESS SERVICE,
THE GIRL WAS STANDING OUTSIDE HER HOUSE WHEN SHE
WAS SHOT BY ISRAELI SETTLERS WHO HAD ENTERED THE
TOWN. A POLICE INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY. THIS

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MORNING (FEBRUARY 23) ONE PALESTINIAN BOY, MAHMOUD NAAMAN HAISHIEYEH, ALSO 13, FROM AL-YAMOUN, NEAR JENIN IN THE NORTHERN WEST BANK WAS KILLED BY IDF FIRE DURING A DEMONSTRATION IN THE TOWN. THREE OTHERS WERE INJURED DURING THE DEMONSTRATION AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE ALSO HURT. ONE MAN FROM KHAN YOUNES, GAZA, DIED FROM IDF WOUNDS INFLICTED AFTER FRIDAY PRAYERS FEBRUARY 19.

3. IN SCATTERED DEMONSTRATIONS AND STONE THROWING INCIDENTS ACROSS THE WEST BANK:

-- A PALESTINIAN TRIED TO STAB AN ISRAELI SOLDIER ON PATROL IN RAMALLAH BUT WAS WRESTLED TO THE GROUND AND SUBDUED BY THE SOLDIER AND HIS COLLEAGUES. THE ASSAILANT WAS CUT BY HIS OWN KNIFE IN THE SCUFFLE.

-- A 50-YEAR-OLD ARAB LADY WAS ADMITTED TO NABLUS HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM A BULLET WOUND.

-- A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN AT AN ISRAELI CAR, CARRYING LABORERS, NEAR QATANNEH VILLAGE, IN THE RAMALLAH AREA. THE CAR WAS BURNED AFTER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSENGERS EVACUATED. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. SOLDIERS SEARCHED THE AREA AND ARRESTED SEVERAL SUSPECTS.

-- A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL THROWN AT AN ISRAELI CAR IN RAMALLAH, BROKE THE WINDSHIELD BUT FAILED TO IGNITE. SOLDIERS SEARCHED THE AREA.

-- SOLDIERS AND STONE-THROWING DEMONSTRATORS CLASHED IN PARTS OF RAMALLAH AND NEIGHBORING EL-BIREH, WHERE ONE ARAB WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED IN THE LEG.

-- IN NABLUS, SOME 300 MOURNERS CARRYING A PALESTINIAN FLAG STAGED A SYMBOLIC FUNERAL FOR AHMAD ABU SALHIYEH, A 60-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO DIED FEBRUARY 21 AFTER BEING OVERCOME BY TEAR GAS. DEMONSTRATORS CLASHED WITH SOLDIERS AS THEY PASSED THROUGH THE CASBA. THEY WERE DISPERSED WITH TEAR GAS AND LIVE BULLETS.

-- NORTH OF NABLUS, DEMONSTRATIONS WERE REPORTED IN TOUBAS, QABATIA, YABAD SILET-AL-HARTHIYEH VILLAGES, WHERE SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS.

-- IN ANABTA, NEAR TULKAREM, SOLDIERS DISPERSED A DEMONSTRATION BY WOMEN WHO MARCHED IN RESPONSE TO A CALL BY PLO LEAFLETS FOR PILGRIMAGES TO GRAVES

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OF PALESTINIANS KILLED IN THE TWO MONTHS OF THE
UPRISING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. LAST MONTH,
THREE PERSONS WERE KILLED IN THE CITY.

-- AT TA'AMAREH VILLAGE, NEAR BETHLEHEM,
DEMONSTRATORS THREW ROCKS AT AN ISRAELI SETTLER'S

CAR, SMASHING ITS WINDSHIELD.

-- VILLAGERS ERECTED STONE BARRICADES AND BURNED TIRES AT THE ENTRANCE OF ATTIL VILLAGE, NEAR TULKAREM. THEY SET FIRE AND BURNED AN ISRAELI BUS, WHOSE ARAB DRIVER WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE AFTER UNLOADING A GROUP OF ARAB LABORERS RETURNING FROM WORK IN ISRAEL. IDF SOLDIERS CAME TO THE SCENE AND SEARCHED THE AREA.

-- ENTRANCES TO VILLAGES AROUND HEBRON WERE CLOSED WITH STONE BARRICADES AND BURNING TIRES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVERAL PALESTINIAN FLAGS WERE SEEN FLUTTERING FROM TELEPHONE CABLES.

-- STONES THROWN AT AN ISRAELI CAR TRAVELLING ON THE JERUSALEM-HEBRON HIGHWAY, NEAR BETHLEHEM, BROKE THE WINDSHIELD. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

-- DEMONSTRATORS ERECTED STONE BARRICADES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF BEIT UMMAR VILLAGE, HEBRON DISTRICT. IDF SOLDIERS DISPERSED THEM WITH THE AID OF A HELICOPTER AND BARRED ENTRY OF JOURNALISTS INTO THE VILLAGE.

MASSIVE POLICE DEPLOYMENT COVERS EAST JERUSALEM

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4. ABOUT 1,500 ISRAELI POLICEMEN WERE DEPLOYED IN EIGHT LOCATIONS IN EAST JERUSALEM AND NEARBY ARAB VILLAGES, TO SAFEGUARD ISRAELI NEIGHBORHOODS CLOSE TO ARAB INHABITED AREAS AND SECURE ISRAELI TRAFFIC PASSING THROUGH ARAB AREAS. POLICE SOURCES SAID THAT THE DEPLOYMENT WAS CARRIED OUT TO ALLOW THE POLICE TO DEAL WITH DEMONSTRATIONS WITHOUT HAVING TO TRANSPORT FORCES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

-- ABOUT 200 POLICEMEN AND ANTI-TERROR FORCES RAIDED SILWAN VILLAGE, EAST OF JERUSALEM AND CONDUCTED A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH.

-- DEMONSTRATORS WHO BURNED TIRES IN ISSAWIYEH VILLAGE, NEAR JERUSALEM WERE DISPERSED BY IDF SOLDIERS WITH TEAR GAS

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5. CURFEW REMAINS IMPOSED ON RESIDENTS OF THE A'AMARI AND JALAZONE REFUGEE CAMPS IN RAMALLAH DISTRICT, TULKAREM REFUGEE CAMP AND NEARBY DINNABA VILLAGE. THE CURFEW ON QALQILYA CONTINUES FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DAY IN A ROW.

MOSLEMS BACK CALL FOR TWO-DAY STRIKE

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6. THE LATEST LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WAS PUBLISHED BY THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN PALESTINE AND CARRIED THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 23, 1988. THE LEAFLET'S HEADLINE, PRINTED IN BOLD BLACK LETTERS, CALLED ON MOSLEMS IN THE "HOLY LAND, DESCENDANTS OF SALAH EDDIN, "TO OBSERVE "A GENERAL STRIKE TO CONFRONT THE NEW AMERICAN CONSPIRACY." THE LEAFLET CLAIMED THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ IS WALKING IN KISSINGER AND ROGER'S FOOTSTEPS AND COMES "TO ABORT THE BLESSED PALESTINIAN UPRISING." "YOU CAN GET NOTHING FROM AMERICA EXCEPT A MIRAGE," BECAUSE IT FAVORS ISRAEL WITH MONEY AND WEAPONS TO BE USED "AGAINST OUR PEOPLE." THE PUBLICATION CALLS ON PALESTINIANS TO BE COURAGEOUS, BOYCOTT THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND "SIMILAR ENVOYS" AND WARNED THOSE WHO DEVIATE FROM THE GENERAL CONSENSUS AND DARE TO "MEET BEHIND THE CURTAIN TO CONCLUDE LEAN DEALS." THE LEAFLET ENDS WITH CALLS FOR "UNITY AGAINST

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ZIONIST OCCUPIERS AND AMERICAN POLICY IN THE
REGION," DECLARES WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, THE 24TH
AND 25TH OF FEBRUARY AS DAYS FOR A GENERAL
STRIKE. TRAFFIC WOULD BE BANNED AND "EVERY PERSON
SHOULD STAY AT HOME, INCLUDING LABORERS." FRIDAY
NOON PRAYERS ON THE 26TH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY
PRAYERS COMMEMORATING THE MARTYRS, FOLLOWED BY
SLOGANS OF "DEATH TO THE OCCUPIERS."

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IDF; GOI TAXES UPRISING; AL-QUDS GIVES ORDERS
FOR LONG MARCH

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2. SUMMARY: ONE PALESTINIAN WAS KILLED AND AT
LEAST FIVE WERE WOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 17 IN A
CONFRONTATION WITH IDF TROOPS IN THE VILLAGE OF
SHUYUKH, NEAR HEBRON. ONE PALESTINIAN WAS
INJURED AS POLICE CLASHED WITH DEMONSTRATORS IN
THE SHU'AFAT REFUGEE CAMP IN NORTHERN
JERUSALEM. MEANWHILE, THE ISRAELI CIVIL
ADMINISTRATION PLEDGED TO INTENSIFY TAX
COLLECTION EFFORTS IN THE WEST BANK IN THE FACE
OF CALLS FOR A TAX REVOLT BY PALESTINIANS. THE
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GOI REDUCED THE LIMIT ON HARD CURRENCY WHICH
COULD BE BROUGHT BY PALESTINIANS ACROSS THE
ALLENBY BRIDGE INTO THE WEST BANK IN AN ATTEMPT
TO KEEP THE PLO FROM SUBSIDIZING THE ONGOING
STRIKE. ON FEBRUARY 16 AL-QUDS RADIO BROADCAST
A NEW FOURTEEN POINT REGIMEN CONTAINING DETAILED
INTRUCTIONS ON HOURS AND DAYS TO OPEN, UNDER
WHAT CONDITIONS TO WORK IN ISRAEL, WHEN AND HOW
TO DEMONSTRATE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER

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UPRISINGS' LONG MARCH. END SUMMARY.

ONE KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED NEAR HEBON
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3. WHILE MOST OF THE WEST BANK REMAINED
RELATIVELY QUIET ON FEBRUARY 17, PALESTINIANS
FROM THE VILLAGE OF SHUYUKH, NEAR HEBRON,
CLASHED WITH IDF TROOPS, LEAVING ONE PALESTINIAN
DEAD AND FIVE WOUNDED. IDF SPOKESMEN SAID THE
INCIDENT BEGAN WHEN SEVERAL YOUTHS, WHO ESCAPED
FROM THE ADJACENT VILLAGE OF SA'IR WHICH WAS
UNDER CURFEW AND BEING SUBJECTED TO AN IDF
SECURITY SWEEP, ENTERED SHUYUKH AND INCITED
VILLAGE YOUTHS TO STONE THE SOLDIERS. SOLDIERS
ENTERED SHUYUKH WITH BULLDOZERS TO CLEAR
ROADBLOCKS ERECTED BY THE YOUTHS WHEN THEY
REPORTEDLY FOUND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED ON THREE
SIDES BY APPROXIMATELY 100 ROCK THROWING
YOUTHS. IDF COMMANDERS FIRED AT THE YOUTHS'S
LEGS AND HIT ONE YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS ISMAIL
AL-HALAIKA (AGED 22) IN THE CHEST, KILLING HIM.
FIVE OTHERS WERE INJURED AND TAKEN TO HEBRON

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HOSPITAL. PALESTINIANS AT HEBRON HOSPITAL
STONED IDF TROOPS AS THEY APPROACHED THE
HOSPITAL, OSTENSIBLY TO PREVENT THE SOLDIERS
FROM TAKING THE BODY OF THE DEAD YOUTH AWAY
UNTIL AN AUTOPSY HAD BEEN PERFORMED.

DEMONSTRATORS/BORDER POLICE CLASH IN SHU'AFAT
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4. ALSO ON FEBRUARY 17 BORDER POLICE FIRED
TEAR-GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS AT A CROWD OF
STONE-THROWING PALESTINIAN YOUTHS IN THE
SHU'AFAT REFUGEE CAMP IN NORTHERN JERUSALEM.
ONE YOUTH WAS INJURED BY RUBBER BULLETS AND WAS
TREATED AT MAQASED HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM.

CIVAD TO TAX UPRISING
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5 CIVAD SOURCES WERE REPORTED TO BE PLANNING TO
INTENSIFY TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS AS A RESPONSE
TO PALESTINIAN LEAFLETS CALLING FOR A TAX
REVOLT. CIVAD AUTHORITIES PROMISED THAT
PALESTINIAN BUSINESSES WOULD NOT RECEIVE IMPORT
OR EXPORT LICENSES NOR WOULD THEY OBTAIN PERMITS

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TO TRAVEL TO JORDAN IF THEY COULD NOT SHOW A
SPECIAL CIVAD STAMP SHOWING THEIR TAX PAYMENTS
TO BE CURRENT. CIVAD OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THAT
THE USD 5,000 LIMIT ON FUNDS BROUGHT INTO THE
WEST BANK BY PALESTINIANS ACROSS THE ALLENBY
BRIDGE WOULD BE REDUCED TO USD 1,000 IN AN
EFFORT TO CURTAIL THE INFLUX OF PLO MONEY TO

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6. ON FEBRUARY 16 AHMAD JIBRIL'S (PFLP-GC) AL-QUDS RADIO BROADCAST A NEW FOURTEEN POINT REGIMEN FOR SUSTAINING THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING. THE PRINCIPLE POINTS INCLUDE:

-- FRIDAYS WILL BE "OFFICIAL" HOLIDAYS DURING WHICH NO WORK WILL BE ALLOWED.

-- ON SUNDAYS WORKERS WILL OBSERVE A GENERAL

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STRIKE NO WORK WILL BE ALLOWED IN "PALESTINE" ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

-- THOSE WHOSE LIVING CONDITIONS REQUIRE THEM TO WORK MAY WORK ONLY IF THEY ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD, NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES ARE WORKING, ALL INCOME IS USED TO BUY PALESTINIAN PRODUCED FOODSTUFFS AND THEY ASSIST THEIR NEEDY NEIGHBORS.

-- PALESTINIAN BUSINESSES MAY OPEN FOR THREE HOURS FROM MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HIRE UNEMPLOYED WEST BANKERS WHO REFUSE TO WORK IN ISRAEL.

-- ALL WEST BANKERS MUST BOYCOTT ALL ISRAELI PRODUCTS REGARDLESS OF THE HARDSHIPS IT IMPOSES.

-- DISTRICT COMMITTEES MUST BE FORMED TO MAKE PEOPLE'S LIVES EASIER AND ORGANIZE THE CONTINUED UPRISING.

-- DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS AND CLASHES WITH SOLDIERS AND POLICE MUST CONTINUE. WOMEN AND OLD MEN ARE TO ORGANIZE PROTEST MARCHES TO THE RED CROSS OFFICES AND PRISONS AND DETENTION CAMPS AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. PALESTINIAN SCHOOLGIRLS MUST NOT OBSERVE ORDERS TO CLOSE SCHOOLS BUT ATTEND AND ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS THERE.

-- ISRAELI ARABS, THE MOSLEM WORLD, AND THE WHOLE ARAB NATION MUST MARSHALL SUPPORT FOR THE

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PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

COMMENT

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7. THE FOURTEEN POINT AGENDA PRESCRIBING A LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR THE UPRISING IS A CREDIBLE ATTEMPT AT ALLOWING FOR THE LIMITS OF THE POPULATION'S ENDURANCE WHILE STILL MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF THE UNREST. THE PARTIAL STRIKE CALLED FOR IN THE PROGRAM IS PROBABLY ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, AND THE LIMITS ON WORKING IN ISRAEL WILL, IN PRACTICE, PERMIT ALL WHO WISH TO CONTINUE WORKING THERE TO DO SO. BUT, WE DOUBT THAT THE BANS ON WORKING IN ISRAEL ON SUNDAYS WILL BE OBSERVED OR THAT THE POPULAR COMMITTEES WILL BE EFFECTIVE, IF THEY ARE FORMED AT ALL, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN ISRAELI SUPPRESSION OF SUCH COMMITTEES' ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST POTENTIAL MEMBERS.

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SUBJECT: HABEAS CORPUS ON BOSCH'S BEHALF RULED
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1. (U) ON SEPT. 2 THE SAME DAY THAT AN EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE DAMAGED THE VENEZUELAN CONSULATE IN MIAMI, THE
JUDGE OF THE XIV PENAL COURT IN CARACAS, DR. SAUL
RON BRASCH, RULED INADMISSIBLE THE HABEAS CORPUS
REQUEST ON BEHALF OF ORLANDO BOSCH SUBMITTED
AUGUST 26 BY ISRAEL ALVAREZ DE ARMAS, WHO CLAIMS TO
BE A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE ACCUSED ANTI- ASTRO
TERRORIST. ACCORDING TO A SEPT. 3 ARTICLE IN "EL
NACIONAL", ALVAREZ DE ARMAS ARGUED THAT "THE
PERMANENT WAR COUCIL HAVING ISSUED AN ACQUITTAL SENTENCE IN
THE CASE OF THE PERSONS ACCUSED OF GENOCIDE IN THE
MATTER OF THE CUBAN AIRCRAFT, THE QUESTION OF BOSCH'S
LIBERTY WAS IN ORDER". (N.B. CHARGES AGAINST
BOSCH AND HIS FELLOW DEFENDANTS WERE ORIGINALLY
DROPPED BY THE PERMANENT WAR COUNCIL IN 1980, BUT THIS
FINDING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REVERSED AND PROCEEDINGS
RESUMED. THUS THE CHARGES AGAINST BOSCH AND THE
OTHER THREE DEFENDANTS ARE STILL UNDER "ACTIVE STUDY".)

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2. (U) JUDGE RON BRASCH EXPLAINED HIS RULING SAYING

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THAT "THE COMMAND OF THE CARACAS MILITARY GARRISON INFORMED HIM THAT THE ACQUITTAL SENTENCE HANDED DOWN BY THE COURT WAS NOT FINAL BECAUSE IT IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COURT MARTIAL AS STIPULTED IN ARTICLE 150 OF THE MILITARY JUSTICE CODE AND THAT, THEREFORE, THE QUESTION OF PROVISIONAL LIBERTY CONTEMPLATED IN ARTICLE 355 OF THE SAME CODE IS NOT APPLICABLE IN THE BOSCH CASE".

3. COMMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE VENEZUELAN CONSULATE BOMBING IS RELATED TO THIS JURIDICAL DECISION. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT FURTHER DELAYS IN THE BOSCH TRIAL OR AN ADVERSE RULING IN HIS CASE COULD SPARK OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST VENEZUELAN, CUBAN, AND PERHAPS USG OFFICIALS OR INSTALLATIONS IN THE US OR ELSEWHERE.
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CENTERS CONSOLIDATED

1. SUMMARY: IN MAY 18 CLASHES WITH IDF SOLDIERS,
ONE PALESTINIAN WAS KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED IN
IBWEIN VILLAGE (REF JERUSALEM 1659), AND FOUR
PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED IN NABLUS. THE FUNERAL
OF A DEHEISHEH CAMP RESIDENT WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND
NEAR AN ISRAELI MOSHAV, TURNED INTO A
DEMONSTRATION WHERE FIVE WERE INJURED. IDF CLOSED
DOWN A DETENTION CAMP AFTER 300 PRISONERS WERE
RELEASED AND OTWERS MOVED TO A PRISON ON THE
BORDER WITH EGYPT. ISRAELI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM RECEIVING PARAMILITARY
TRAINING (GADNA) IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AN
ARAB HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF ANSLAUGHTER IN AN
IDF SOLDIER'S DEATH. SEVERAL PALESTINIAN CHILDREN
SUSPECTED OF MAUFACTURING WEAPONS HAVE BEEN
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ARRESTED. IDF AND PALESTINIAN SOURCES DIFFER ON
THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED DURING THE UPRISING.
THE ISRAELI BUREAU OF STATISTICS FORSEES THE
NUMBER OF JEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES, DROPPING BELOW 60 PERCENT AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE 1990'S. MERON BENVENISTI
PREDICTS THAT THIS HAS ALREADY OCCURRED. THE
JERUSALEM DOMESTIC SERVICE REPORTED THE ISRAELI
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROPOSAL TO SET UP A MUMAN

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RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. END
SUMMARY.

ONE KILLED 16 WOUNDED; SEVERAL CHILDREN ARRESTED
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2. ON MAY 18, IDF SOLDIERS WOUNDED TWO ARAB
YOUTHS IN NABLUS, WHEN THEY OPENED FIRE WITH A
0.22-CALIBRE SNIPER RIFLE AT MORE THAN 100 MASKED
DEMONSTRATORS WHO RAISED PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND
ATTACKED THE SOLDIERS WITH STONES AND SLINGSHOTS.
TWO OTHER YOUTHS WERE INJURED BY RUBBER BULLETS

3. IN A CLASH WITH IDF SOLDIERS IN IBWEIN
VILLAGE, NORTH WEST OF RAMALLAH, 16-YEAR-OLD MAJDI
YOUSEF HILAL, WAS SHOT AND KILLED AND EIGHT OTHER
PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED. (REF JERUSALEM 1659)

4. ON MAY 18, SOLDIERS USED TEARGAS AND RUBBER
BULLETS TO BREAK UP THE FUNERAL OF HUSNI MUHAMED
MAHSIRI, 40, FATHER OF FIVE FROM DEHEISHEH REFUGEE
CAMP, NEAR BETHLEHEM. HUSNI'S BODY WAS FOUND MAY
16, NEAR THE CHICKEN COOP AT MOSHAV BEIT EIR,
WEST OF JERUSALEM AFTER HE LEFT HOME ON MAY 15.
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THE MOSHAV WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF BEIT MAHSIR,
THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF MAHSIRI'S FAMILY. MOURNERS
WAVING PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND CHANTING NATIONALIST
SLOGANS MARCHED FROM DEWEISHEH CAMP TO THE CEMETRY
NEAR RACHEL'S TOMB, ON THE JERUSALEM-HEBRON
HIGHWAY. AFTER IDF SOLDIERS FIRED TEARGAS
CANNISTERS AND RUBBER BULLETS TO DISPERSE THE
CROWD, THEY ARRESTED 15 PERSONS: ONE PERSON WAS
WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE AND FOUR OTHERS BY RUBBER
BULLETS: SOME MOURNERS FLED TO NEARBY AIDA CAMP
WHILE OTHERS BURIED THE BODY. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED
ON AIDA CAMP FOR TWO HOURS.

5. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARRESTED SEVERAL ARAB
CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 FROM BALATA REFUGEE
CAMP, NEAR NABLUS, WHO WERE SUSPECTED OF
MANUFACTURING WEAPONS USED IN ATTACKS ON
COLLABORATORS.

CONSOLIDATION OF DETENTION FACILITIES

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6. THE IDF INTENDS TO MOVE ABOUT 1,800 PALESTINIAN
ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES TO A PRISON AT KETZIOT,
ON THE EGYPTIAN BORDER AND TO CONCENTRATE IN
LARGER FACILITIES OTHER PALESTINIAN PRISONERS WHO

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HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING CHARGED WITH SPECIFIC OFFENSES. MOST OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING LEADERS OF THE OUTLAWED AL-SHABIBA YOUTH MOVEMENT, BUT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO BRING THEM TO TRIAL.

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7. MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE CLOSED DOWN TWO OFER DETENTION CENTER NEAR RAMALLAH, AND THE MEBRON AND TULKAREM PRISONS ARE ALSO TO BE CLOSED. THE OFER CENTER, OPENED TWO MONTHS AGO TO HOLD DETAINEES SUSPECTED OF PARTICIPATING IN DISTURBANCES, WAS CLOSED FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF NEARLY 300

PRISONERS THIS WEEK TO MARK THE MOSLEM ID EL-FITR HOLIDAY. A NEW MILITARY PRISON WAS OPENED AT MEGIDDO IN ISRAEL THIS WEEK, WHILE FARA'A (NORTH OF NABLUS), DAHARIYA (NEAR HEBRON) AND ATLIT (NEAR HAIFA) HAVE BEEN EXPANDED.

8. TO INCREASE PRISON SUPERVISION AND PREVENT IRREGULARITIES, THE IDF HAS ALSO DECIDED TO APPOINT AN OFFICER IN CHARGE OF DETENTIONS IN THE WEST BANK, AND THE CENTRA COMMAND HAS INSTALLED UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPUTERIZED REGISTRATION SYSTEMS IN ALL ITS PRISONS.

GADNA BARRED FROM ACTIVITIES IN WEST BANK AND GAZA
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9. THE ISRAELI EDUCATION MINISTER SAID TO THE KNESSET THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GADNA (ISRAELI PARAMILITARY TRAINING) WILL NO LONGER BE SENT TO SERVE WITH IDF SOLDIERS ENGAGED IN CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, NOR WILL THEY SERVE IN CAMPS WHERE PRISONERS FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE HELD. ISRAEL DOMESTIC SERVICE REPORTED THAT DEFENCE MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN ALSO ISSUED NEW ORDERS, MAY 19, BARRING THE GADNA FROM SERVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT WAS RECENTLY REVEALED THAT GADNA YOUNGSTERS HAD PARTICIPATED IN BEATINGS OF ARAB PRISONERS WHILE SERVING IN A WEST BANK ARMY CAMP.

ARAB CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER IN SOLDIER'S DEATH
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10. JAMIL JARRAR, 26, OF FUNDUQUMIA VILLAGE, NEAR JENIN WAS FOUND, MAY 18, GUILTY OF MANS AUGHTER IN THE DEATH OF VOLUNTEER SOLDIER HANOCH PETER DENMAN AST SPTEMBER. JARRAR WAS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF KIDNAPPING THE SOLDIER. DENMAN, A FORMER DUTCH CHRISTIAN WHO HAD CONVERTED TO JUDAISM AND VOLUNTEERED FOR SERVICE IN THE IDF, WAS FOUND DEAD IN COTTON FIELDS NEAR ACRE, IN ISRAEL. ANOTHER ISRAELI-ARAB, LUTFI HEJAZI OF TAMRA, ISRAEL, HAS SINCE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF DENMAN'S MURDER. UNCLASSIFIED

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11. THE IDF SPOKESMAN REPORTED ON MAY 16 THAT 190 PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE THE START OF THE UPRISING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES UP TO SUNDAY, MAY 15, AS FOLLOWS:

152 WERE KILLED BY IDF FIRE;
21 KILLED IN UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES;
17 KILLED IN CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER INVESTIGATION.

PALESTINIAN SOURCES, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTED THAT 253 PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED, AS FOLLOWS:

175 KILLED BY IDF FIRE;
49 KILLED BY INHALING NOXIOUS GASES;
14 KILLED BY BEATINGS AND ELECTROCUTIONS;
15 KILLED IN UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

ON MONDAY, MAY 16, TWO MORE FATALITIES WERE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

POPULATION STATISTICS FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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12. (U) RESULTS OF A RECENTLY COMPILED STUDY, BY "THE WEST BANK 'PROJECT" DIRECTOR, DR. MERON BENVENISTI, INDICATE THAT THE CURRENT ARAB

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POPULATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS 20 PER CENT HIGHER THAN ISRAELI ESTIMATES. NO CURRENT DATA EXISTED BEFORE BENVENISTI'S PROJECT WAS INITIATED, BECAUSE NO CENSUS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS. ACCORDING TO THE STUDY, THE NUMBER OF ARABS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AT THE

END OF 1987 WAS 1.74 MILLION, 300,000 MORE THAN FIGURES REPORTED BY THE ISRAELI CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS. ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU, 2.5 MILLION ARABS AND 3.6 MILLION JEWS TODAY LIVE IN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, MAKING THE RATIO BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS 62 TO 38.. BENVENISTI'S RATIO BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS IS 59 TO 41.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PROPOSED FOR WEST BANK/GAZA

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13. JERUSALEM DOMESTIC SERVICE REPORTED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON "SHARPLY" CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CHARGED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAVE BECOME POLICY. IN HIS TALKS WITH THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS, YOSSI BEILIN, POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY PROPOSED THE SETTING UP OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHT VIOLATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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2. SUMMARY: PALESTINIANS ARE DEVELOPING NEW
INSTITUTIONS AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND VILLAGE LEVEL
TO COPE WITH ISRAELI SANCTIONS AND HARDSHIP
BROUGHT ON BY THE INTIFADA AND TO EXPRESS IN
PRACTICAL WAYS SOLIDARITY AND RESISTANCE IN SUPPORT
OF THE UPRISING. THIS IS THE PEACEFUL SIDE
OF THE INTIFADA, WHICH PALESTINIANS ARE GROPING TO
DEFINE IN PRACTICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL TERMS. WE
ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW WIDE READ THESE EFFORTS
ARE, BUT THEY EXIST ON A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL. THIS
MESSAGE REPORTS SOME EXAMPLES OF THIS PHENOMENON.
WE WILL BE EXAMINING THE POTENTIAL FOR NON-VIOLENT

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ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF ADVANCING PALESTINIAN
POLITICAL GOALS IN THE TERRITORIES IN A
SEPARATE MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

3. AS UNREST IN THE WEST BANK CONTINUES, SCHOOL
CLOSURES, THE COMMERCIAL STRIKES AND ISRAELI ECONOMIC
COUNTERMEASURES HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS HARDSHIP.
SOME WEST BANK TOWNS ARE TRYING TO BUILD INFORMAL
SECTOR SERVICES TO COPE WITH THIS HARDSHIP AND TO

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DEMONSTRATE A SENSE OF UNITY AND LOCAL INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE INTIFADA. BEIT SAHOUR, A TOWN OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 HAS ORGANIZED 25 "STREET COMMITTEES," EACH COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 50 LOCAL FAMILIES. ACCORDING TO A WEST BANK UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WELL KNOWN TO THE CONSULATE, COMMITTEES ARE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

-- SCHOOLING: IN RESPONSE TO THE CLOSURE OF ALL SCHOOLS IN JANUARY, BEIT SAHOUR TEACHERS NOW HOLD DAILY CLASSES IN HOMES. RESIDENTS CLAIM THAT 100 PERCENT OF BEIT SAHOUR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND 60 TO 70 PERCENT OF THE 7TH TO 9TH GRADERS ARE ATTENDING THESE CLASSES. COMMITTEES PERMIT ONLY ONE "CLASSROOM" PER HOME TO ENSURE THAT THE CLASSROOMS KEEP A LOW PROFILE AND REMAIN DIFFICULT FOR THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO IDENTIFY.

-- "STREET WATCH": EVERY EVENING TWO INDIVIDUALS WATCH OVER EACH STREET TO FOREWARN OTHERS OF THE POSSIBLE INTRUSION OF ISRAELI SETTLERS. STREET COMMITTEES HAVE ORGANIZED ROTATING DUTY ROSTERS.

-- FOOD SUPPLY: STREET COMMITTEES COLLECT MONEY FROM
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FAMILIES TO BUY CANNED GOODS AND OTHER LONG SHELF-LIFE ITEMS THAT CAN BE RATIONED OUT IF THE AREA COMES UNDER CURFEW.

-- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS HAVE STOCKED MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN THEIR HOMES TO ALLOW THEM TO TREAT THOSE WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH THE IDF. IN THIS WAY, THE INJURED NEED NOT GO TO HOSPITALS WHERE THEY RISK BEING IDENTIFIED AND TAKEN INTO DETENTION.

4. FOUR RESIDENTS OF BEIT SAHOUR (TWO UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, A TEACHER AND AN ENGINEER) HAVE ORGANIZED AN AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER WHICH SELLS SEEDS, SEEDLINGS, FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT AND LIVESTOCK AT LOW COST TO LOCAL INHABITANTS WHO WANT TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD. THE CENTER BUYS ITS STOCK WHOLESALE (USUALLY IN ISRAEL) AND SELLS ALL ITEMS IN QUANTITIES APPROPRIATE FOR FAMILY USE. THE CENTER ALSO OFFERS, FREE OF CHARGE, THE SERVICES OF AN EXTENSION AGENT WHO NOT ONLY PROVIDES GARDENING INSTRUCTION BUT ALSO TEACHES RESIDENTS TO CONSTRUCT CHICKEN COOPS, RABBIT HUTCHES, FERTILIZER UNITS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, ETC.

5. THE AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER WAS FINANCED BY DONATIONS FROM WELL-TO-DO BEIT SAHOUR RESIDENTS. ALL PROFITS ARE TO BE REINVESTED IN THE PROJECT AND LOSSES WILL BE BORNE BY THE DONORS. THE CENTER, WHICH NOW EMPLOYS FOUR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, OPERATES UNDER THE LEGAL UMBRELLA OF THE LOCAL ARAB ORTHODOX SPORTS CLUB. SINCE ITS INCETIN IN MID-MARCH OF

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THIS YEAR, THE CENTER HAS SOLD 130,000 SEEDLINGS AND 150 KILOGRAMS OF SEEDS. FIFTEEN OF THE TWENTY-FIVE STREET COMMITTEES HAVE, UNDER THE CENTER'S GUIDANCE, PLANTED ONE-DUNUM (1/4 ACRE) VEGETABLE GARDENS, EACH OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FIFTY

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FAMILIES WITH A SUFFICIENT VEGETABLE SUPPLY FOR THE SUMMER. THE CENTER HAS ALSO SOLD GOODS AND PROVIDED EXPERTISE TO CITIZENS' COMMITTEES OF SEVERAL OTHER WEST BANK AREAS. WHEN THE CENTER DECIDED TO TEST THE LOCAL POPULATION'S INTEREST IN CHICKENS, ITS ORGANIZERS SOLD ALL 2000 OF THEIR TRIAL STOCK IN TWO HOURS.

6. THE CENTER'S ORGANIZERS ARE NOW FACING CRITICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING EXPANSION, LICENSING, AND RISKS OF OPERATION. THEIR IDEAS FOR EXPANSION INCLUDE

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SELLING RABBITS AND OTHER LIVESTOCK, ESTABLISHING A MICRO-DAIRY AND MILK DELIVERY SYSTEM, AND CULTIVATING A 200 DUNUM MODEL GARDEN FOR REHIQ VEGETABLE SALE. THE ORGANIZERS WOULD LIKE THE RESOURCE CENTER ULTIMATELY TO EVOLVE INTO AN EXPERIMENTAL STATION, ALTHOUGH THEY ANTICIPATE THIS WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH THE ISRAELI CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

7. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS FROM RELIABLE AMERICAN AND PALESTINIAN SOURCES ABOUT SIMILAR SELF-HELP ACTIVITIES IN RAMALLAH AND IN OTHER PALESTINIAN TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

-- IN RAMALLAH, A COMMUNITY-WIDE BLOODBANK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO MEET THE NEED FOR BLOOD FOR VICTIMS OF CLASHES WITH THE IDF. AND FOR GENERAL COMMUNITY USE. NO SUCH INSTITUTION EXISTED BEFORE THE INTIFADA.

-- PEOPLE OF RAMALLAH HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED A WELL-ORGANIZED ALTERNATE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN HOME CLASSROOMS WHILE SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED. TEACHER, STUDENT AND PARENTS PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THIS NETWORK; IT IS POPULAR AND GROWING.

-- VICTORY GARDENS ARE INCREASINGLY POPULAR AS MORE TOWNSPEOPLE AND NON-FARMERS GROW FOOD TO MAKE UP FOR REDUCED SUPPLIES AND INCOME.

-- TO PROVIDE GOODS WHILE THE MERCHANTS ARE ON STRIKE, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BECOME STREET VENDORS, EITHER AS AGENTS FOR MERCHANTS OR AS

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INDEPENDENT ENTREPRENEURS.

-- WEST BANK INDUSTRIES WHICH PRODUCE STAPLE ITEMS ARE INCREASING THEIR PRODUCTION TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND, AS PALESTINIANS BOYCOTT ISRAELI-MANUFACTURED IN FAVOR OF PALESTINIAN-PRODUCED ALTERNATIVES.

-- AN ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN EAST JEUSALEM IN WHICH WELL-TO-DO FAMILIES SUPPORT NEEDY WEST BANK FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN HARD-HIT BY THE INTIFADA.

-- COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN REFUGEE CAMPS TO BRING IN FOOD TO MAKE SURE THAT FOOD AND SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE TO CAMP RESIDENTS DURING CURFEWS..

8. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT NEW LOCAL SELF-HELP INSTITUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTIFADA TO CONFIRM THAT THIS IS A REAL AND SIGNIFICANT PHENOMENON IN THE WEST BANK. SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE BECOMING PART OF THE IDEOLOGY OF RESISTANCE, WHICH IS JUST BEGINNING TO EVOLVE. SINCE PALESTINIANS CONTINUE TO BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON THE ISRAELI CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND SUBJECT TO ITS CONTROL, AND ARE STRONGLY LINKED TO ISRAEL'S ECONOMY, THERE ARE REAL LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT OF AUTONOMOUS ALTERNATIVE INSTITUTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, AS AN EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVE AND SOLIDARITY AND AS A NON-VIOLENT ASPECT OF THE UPRISING, THESE LOCAL ACTIVITIES ARE SIGNIFICANT. WE WILL BE EXPLORING FURTHER IN A

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2. SUMMARY. THE POLITICAL TONE FOR THE 1988 ELECTION HAS BEEN SET. THE KEY ISSUES WILL BE PEACE AND SECURITY. IF THE PEACE PROCESS IS VIEWED AS A REALISTIC ISSUE BEING PURSUED SERIOUSLY, IT CAN HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON ISRAEL'S FUTURE ACTIONS AND ON THE PEACE DEBATE IN ISRAEL AS ALL SIDES SEEK TO SHOW THEY ARE NOT OPPONENTS OF PEACE. BUT IF SECURITY IS THE LEAD ISSUE, WHICH IT WILL BE IN THE ABSENCE OF AN ACTIVE PEACE PROCESS, BOTH SIDES OF THE UNITY GOVERNMENT WILL COMPETE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE ISRAELI PUBLIC HOW TOUGH THEY ARE. MORE AND TOUGHER ACTIONS SHOULD THEN BE EXPECTED IN THE TERRITORIES AND OUTSIDE ISRAEL (LEBANON AT LEAST) AND THE ADVOCATES OF A PEACE PROCESS WOULD INEVITABLY LOSE OUT TO THE

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PROPOSERS OF A TOUGH SECURITY LINE.

3. CURRENTLY, THE PEACE PROCESS HAS DROPPED OFF THE FRONT PAGES AND OUT OF SIGHT AND SECURITY ISSUES - ABU JIHAD, LEBANON INCURSIONS, PUTTING DOWN THE UPRISING - ARE PREDOMINANT. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN THE FOCUS TO THE AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE, BUT THE U.S. MUST RE-ENGAGE HEAVILY ON THE ISSUE AND REMAIN ENGAGED ON A CONTINUING, HIGH-LEVEL AND PUBLIC

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BASIS. END SUMMARY.

4. ISRAELI SOCIETY IS STILL SPLIT FUNDAMENTALLY ON THE PEACE ISSUE. THERE IS AN EVEN SPLIT BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT IN PUBLIC OPINION POLLS AND ONLY A MARGINAL PLURALITY IN FAVOR OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSION IN EXCHANGE FOR PEACE AND OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADING TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. BUT THE IMPACT OF THESE ISSUES IS VARIABLE AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PEACE ISSUE IS UP-FRONT AND REALISTIC INCREASES ITS IMPACT WITH THE ISRAELI PUBLIC. THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PEACE ISSUE RECEDES, MAKES SECURITY THE DRIVING ISSUE WITH THE ISRAELI PUBLIC.

5. DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE ISRAEL HAVE COMBINED TO MAKE THE PEACE ISSUE APPEAR LESS REALISTIC AND LESS IMMEDIATE, AND TO HEIGHTEN THE URGENCY OF SECURITY ISSUES. THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE:

-- THE "INTIFADA" CONTINUES TO DRIVE THE JEWISH PUBLIC TO THE RIGHT. DESPITE RITUAL PROCLAMATIONS THAT THE "INTIFADA" IS DYING OUT, IT CONTINUES TO BUBBLE ALONG WITH SPORADIC OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE.

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WHILE PROGRESS ON THE GROUND IS QUESTIONABLE, ADVOCATES OF A SECURITY APPROACH TO THE TERRITORIES ARE MORE CONFIDENT BECAUSE SIGNIFICANTLY HARSHER MEASURES (MORE ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS, ARRESTS, AND EXPULSIONS ESPECIALLY) HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL PRICE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, THE USG, OR THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. MOREOVER, WITH RABIN DOING THE "DIRTY WORK" AND COMMITTED TO CONTINUE STEPPING UP THE PRESSURE, LIKUD HAS NOW BEGUN TO BLAME RABIN FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISTURBANCES BECAUSE HE DID NOT REACT MORE HARSHLY AT THE OUTSET TO SUPPRESS THE UPRISING IN THE BUD. WITH SHARON PROMISING "TOTAL QUIET" IN THE TERRITORIES AFTER A LIKUD VICTORY, MANY ISRAELIS ARE BEGINNING TO HOPE (AND EVEN TO BELIEVE) IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO BEFORE DECEMBER.

-- THE ISRAELI PUBLIC HAS LOST SIGHT OF THE AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE SINCE THE SECRETARY HAS NOT RETURNED AND NO ARAB PARTNER, EXCEPT EGYPT (WHICH DOES NOT COUNT SINCE IT IS ALREADY AT PEACE), HAS SIGNED ON TO THE INITIATIVE.

-- SHAMIR'S PUBLIC LINE THAT THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO DIFFER WITH THE U.S. HAS BEEN BOLSTERED PUBLICLY

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BY THE ABSENCE OF U.S. FOLLOW-UP AND HIS SIGNING OF
THE MOA ON APRIL 21.

-- RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY KING HUSSEIN
APPEARING TO ABDICATE JORDAN'S ROLE TO THE
PALESTINIANS ENCOURAGE WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SUSPICION,

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STIMULATED BY LIKUD BUT ALSO BELIEVED BY MANY DOVES,
THAT THERE IS NO REAL "JORDANIAN OPTION."

-- THE FAILURE OF THE SOVIETS TO ACCEPT MAJOR
ELEMENTS OF THE SHULTZ INITIATIVE HAS MADE THE U.S.
INITIATIVE APPEAR LESS VIABLE AND LESS IMMEDIATE.

-- THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION HAD AN INTERNAL

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SECURITY LOGIC OF ITS OWN, BUT IT DEMONSTRATES, IF PRESS AND INSIDE SOURCES ARE TO BE BELIEVED, THE DEGREE TO WHICH POLITICAL AND FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ARE PUT ASIDE IN THE FACE OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.

-- PLO-SYRIAN RECONCILIATION, EVEN IF FACILITATED BY THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION, IS VIEWED HERE AS CONFIRMATION THAT NO PALESTINIAN PARTNER IS AVAILABLE FOR PEACE. THE PLO AND SYRIA ARE VIEWED AS LOCKED IN

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A NEW REJECTIONIST FRONT WHICH FURTHER INHIBITS HUSSEIN'S ABILITY TO MOVE.

-- INCURSIONS FROM LEBANON: THE PACE OF ATTEMPTED PALESTINIAN TERRORIST INCURSIONS FROM LEBANON HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND PARTICULARLY SINCE ABU JIHAD'S KILLING. INCURSIONS THIS PAST WEEK LEFT TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED, TWO SOLDIERS WOUNDED AND ONE CIVILIAN WOUNDED. ISRAELI MILITARY HAVE HINTED AT THE NEED FOR BETTER RESPONSES, PERHAPS PRE-EMPTIVE, IN THE TROUBLESOME EASTERN SECTOR OF THE SECURITY ZONE AND A NEW, MORE DANGEROUS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE COULD BE UNDERWAY SOON.

-- IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF INTERNAL ISRAELI POLITICS, PERES IS ACCUSED OF PRE-EMPTIVE CAPITULATION TO THE ARABS, OF LENDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO ARAB RIOTERS AND OF OPPOSING ABU JIHAD'S ASSASSINATION, AS ISRAEL PREPARES FOR A DIRTY CAMPAIGN - A LA 1981. LABOR IS DISCOURAGED AND UNCERTAIN HOW TO PUSH A PEACE THAT APPEARS INCREASINGLY REMOTE.

-- SHAMIR AND LIKUD HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ABLE TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS AS THE ULTIMATE DEFENDERS OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND AS TOUGH BARGAINERS ON PEACE, WHOSE NON-REALIZATION LIKUD HAS BEEN ABLE TO BLAME ON THE ABSENCE OF AN ARAB PARTNER.

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WITHOUT RENEWED AND CONTINUING U.S. ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF ITS PEACE INITIATIVE, THE OUTLOOK IS FOR INCREASING ISRAELI PREOCCUPATION WITH SECURITY CONCERNS - STEPPING UP THE PRESSURE IN THE TERRITORIES, REACTING TO AND PERHAPS PRE-EMPTING PALESTINIAN INCURSIONS FROM LEBANON, AND POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE ISRAELI STRENGTH AND RESOLVE. THE EXTERNAL LOGIC OF SUCH A SECURITY FOCUS IS A HEIGHTENED AND MORE DANGEROUS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WITH CONSIDERABLE NEGATIVE FOREIGN POLICY REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE U.S., POSSIBLY FOR RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND FOR OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS. IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT, THE PRE-ELECTION ATMOSPHERE WOULD LIKELY MAKE THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT LESS CAUTIOUS RATHER THAN MORE, SINCE SECURITY FORCES CAN ALWAYS PROVIDE LISTS OF TARGETS AND ELECTION CONTESTANTS ARE RELUCTANT TO APPEAR WEAK. THE SAME LOGIC IS ALREADY OPERATIVE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

7. LABOR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE TO ARGUE FOR ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF THE SHULTZ INITIATIVE AND OF PARTICIPATION IN A LIMITED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AS A CHANNEL TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. BUT, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PEACE PROCESS ISSUE IS BOUND TO RECEDE UNLESS NEW LIFE IS INJECTED INTO THE PROCESS. PERES IS ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING WHAT EVEN THE ARABS WON'T ACCEPT AND SHAMIR WINS CREDIT FOR STANDING FIRMLY BEHIND HIS BELIEFS. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON WHAT PEACE PROPOSAL IT HAS, LIKUD HAS ARGUED THAT PERES' TALK OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND THE

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SHULTZ INITIATIVE ALLOWED THE ARABS TO AVOID FACING
REALISTIC - CAMP DAVID AUTONOMY - POSSIBILITIES.

8. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CAMPAIGN DEBATE
WILL NOT BE ON PEACE, BUT ON SECURITY. LIKUD SEEMS
CERTAIN TO WIN AN ELECTION ON THIS ISSUE, AND
PROBABLY EMERGE IN A POSITION TO FORM A NARROW
GOVERNMENT WITH TEHIYA, OTHER PARTIES TO ITS RIGHT
AND THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES. WHILE THERE ARE SOME IN
LIKUD WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THE UPRISING HAS REMOVED THE
"STATUS QUO"

AS AN OPTION, THE MAJORITY IN THIS BLOC
ADVOCATES USE OF ALL THE FORCE AND OTHER MEASURES
NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE PRIOR SITUATION. EVEN IF
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE INTERNAL LEADERSHIP
COMPETITION WITHIN LIKUD, NOT TO MENTION IDEOLOGICAL
CONVICTIONS, IS LIKELY TO BLOCK DECISIVE ACTION
TOWARD PEACE ON TERMS THAT CAN PRODUCE AN ARAB
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9. THIS SITUATION CAN BE REVERSED AND THE PEACE
DEBATE CAN BE RESTORED TO ITS LEAD PLACE, BUT THIS
WILL TAKE HEAVY U.S. REENGAGEMENT ON THE PEACE
PROCESS AND PERSISTENCE ON BEHALF OF ITS INITIATIVE,
REGARDLESS OF WARNINGS TO STAY OUT OF THE COMING
ISRAELI CAMPAIGN. WE CAN EASILY REJECT THESE
WARNINGS AND STAND BEHIND THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR PEACE
INITIATIVE -- PROMOTING A PEACE POLICY AND NOT A
POLITICAL PARTY -- BUT IT WILL REQUIRE A THICK SKIN,
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2. SUMMARY: FIRST MOROCCAN PRESS REACTIONS TO U.S.
ABSTENTION IN UNSC VOTE ARE NEGATIVE. THE APRIL 27
PRESS DEVOTED GREATER ATTENTION TO ASSOCIATED REPORTS,
ATTRIBUTED TO SOURCES IN JORDAN AND EGYPT, THAT THE U.S.
PLAYED A DIRECT ROLE IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD.

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END SUMMARY.

3. IN CONTRAST TO MODERATE HANDLING OF U.S. ABSTENTION
BY MEDIA IN SOME PARTS OF ARAB WORLD, FIRST REACTIONS
IN MOROCCAN PRESS OF APRIL 27 WERE NEGATIVE. PRO-
GOVERNMENT UC DAILY "RISSALAT AL-OUMMA" HIGHLIGHTED
THAT THE U.S. WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE SECURITY
COUNCIL WHICH DID NOT VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING
ISRAEL. SIMILARLY, COMMUNIST "AL BAYANE" CHARGED THAT

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"WASHINGTON'S REFUSAL TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI TERRORISM (PROVED) AMERICA'S FLAGRANT CONNIVANCE."

4. MORE STRIKING WERE ASSOCIATED FRAGMENTARY ALLEGATIONS IN THE PRO-GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PRESS, ATTRIBUTED VARIOUSLY TO DIPLOMATIC AND PRESS SOURCES IN AMMAN AND THE EGYPTIAN JOURNAL "CHAIB," THAT THE U.S. HAD PARTICIPATED JOINTLY WITH MOSSAD IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. "AL-ITTIHAD" WROTE THAT A SIXTH FLEET AIRCRAFT CARRIER HAD TRANSPORTED BY COBRA HELICOPTER FIVE MEMBERS OF THE MOSSAD HIT TEAM TO TUNISIA. A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, THE CARRIER HAD ANCHORED NEAR SICILY, FACING TUNISIA, AND WAITED FOR A SIGNAL FROM THREE MOSSAD MEMBERS, WHO HAD ENTERED TUNISIA PREVIOUSLY WITH FORGED LEBANESE PASSPORTS. SOURCES SAID THAT BEFORE THIS ASSASSINATION SEVERAL CONTACTS WERE MADE BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND WASHINGTON WHICH LED TO AGREEMENT TO LIQUIDATE A NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN LEADERS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL...THE EGYPTIAN PAPER "AL-SHAABI" REPORTED THAT THE U.S. HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLOT AND THAT ISRAEL HAD OBTAINED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET DURING AND AFTER THE ASSASSINATION. THE PAPER CONTINUED THAT THE HELICOPTER

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WHICH LEFT TUNISIA PROBABLY LANDED ABOARD ONE OF THE U.S. CARRIERS ANCHORED NEAR LIBYA, OR IT MAY HAVE GONE ON TO ONE OF THE U.S. BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

5. UNDER THE HEADLINE, "ROLE OF WASHINGTON IN ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD," PRO-GOVERNMENT "RISSALAT AL-OUmma" CARRIED THE ABOVE REPORT, ADDING THAT, "ACCORDING TO TUNISIAN SOURCES, THE COMMANDOS WHO ENTERED TUNISIA DID SO WITH U.S. PASSPORTS, SOME OF THEM DIPLOMATIC; ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS EASY (FOR THE COMMANDOS) TO SMUGGLE ARMS INTO TUNISIA. ONE OF THE U.S. HELICOPTERS ALLEGEDLY LANDED NEAR THE TUNISIAN COAST.

6. COMMENT: ULTRA-ROYALIST AND AUTHORITATIVE "LE MATIN DE SAHARA" DID NOT REPORT THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS, WHETHER BECAUSE OF PALACE RESTRAINT OR BECAUSE MOST OF THE APRIL 27 EDITION HAD ALREADY BEEN DEDICATED TO COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MOHAMMED V. NOR DID THE PRO-GOVT. RNI PRESS CARRY THOSE ALLEGATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THE PROMINENT TREATMENT GIVEN THE STORY IN BOTH PRO-GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PAPERS, TOGETHER WITH CRITICISM OF LAST WEEK'S SIGNING OF THE U.S.-ISRAELI STRATEGIC DEFENSE AGREEMENT, HAVE OVERWHELMED ANY POTENTIAL FOR POSITIVE TREATMENT OF THE U.S. ABSTENTION. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING

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2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION
OF VOTE TO SUPPORT A U.S. ABSTENTION ON THE TUNISIAN
RESOLUTION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD.

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3. BEGIN TEXT.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON TUNISIAN RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT, THE U.S. DEPLORES THE USE OF VIOLENCE FROM
WHATEVER QUARTER. IN PARTICULAR, WE CONDEMN ACTS OF
POLITICAL ASSASSINATION, AS U.S. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN
STATED CLEARLY IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK.

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TUNISIA IS A CLOSE AND VALUED FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR A SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS, IT HAS SUFFERED A VIOLATION OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ITS SOVEREIGNTY. THE U.S. HAS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED ITS SUPPORT FOR TUNISIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY; WE REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THAT PLEDGE.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TUNISIA IS FIRMLY ROOTED IN A COMMON DEDICATION TO THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND TO THE PURSUIT OF POLITICAL MODERATION AND TOLERANCE. TUNISIA ENJOYS A SOLID REPUTATION AS A PEACEFUL COUNTRY. OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS, IT HAS PURSUED ITS NATIONAL GOALS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH ITS COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF ITS PROBLEMS. THE PERPETRATION OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATION ON TUNISIAN SHORES STANDS IN STARK CONTRAST TO TUNISIA'S LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF NON-VIOLENCE.

DESPITE THE STRONG VIEWS THE U.S. HOLDS ON POLITICAL ASSASSINATION AND DESPITE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR TUNISIA'S NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION TODAY, BECAUSE IT DISPROPORTIONATELY PLACES ALL BLAME FOR THIS LATEST ROUND IN THE RISING SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON ONE EVENT ONLY, WHILE FAILING TO MENTION

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OTHER ACTIONS THAT PRECEDED IT. IT ALSO INCLUDES LANGUAGE WHICH IS SUGGESTIVE OF CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.

AS WE DELIBERATE HERE TODAY, WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE BROADER GOALS WE ALL SHARE. ALL INVOLVED MUST RENEW THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WILL REALIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN A MANNER WHICH PROTECTS ISRAEL'S SECURITY. PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS BOTH DESERVE A FUTURE OF SECURITY, DIGNITY AND PROSPERITY. THERE MUST BE MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S RIGHTS AND A CLIMATE WHERE FEAR AND RECRIMINATION CAN BE REPLACED BY SECURITY AND TRUST. NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

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1. (U) GOG ISSUED A STATEMENT APRIL 19 CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR THE MURDER OF ABU JIHAD, DESCRIBING IT AS A "COWARDLY ACT." STATEMENT DESCRIBES ABU JIHAD'S LIFE AS ONE OF "INCOMPARABLE BRAVERY AND SELFLESS DEVOTION" TO THE DEFENSE OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND SAID HIS DEATH WILL SERVE AS "SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR THE MILLIONS" OF FELLOW PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS HE LEFT BEHIND. STATEMENT ALSO REITERATES GHANAIAAN POSITION CALLING FOR FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT STATE OF THEIR OWN IN PALESTINE.

2. (U) LOCAL PLO EMBASSY OPENED A CONDOLENCE BOOK APRIL 19-20 WHICH NEW CDR (COMMITTEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF

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THE REVOLUTION), HEAD W.H. YEBOAH WAS THE FIRST TO SIGN. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THE AMBASSADORS WHO SIGNED THE BOOK ARE MAINLY FROM SOVIET BLOC AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING COM'S FROM BULGARIA (DEAN OF CORPS), ALGERIA, LIBYA, LEBANON, HUNGARY, DPRK, PAKISTAN, INDIA, CHINA AND SPAIN. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY CHAMBAS ALSO SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOK, STATING AT THE TIME THAT GHANA MOURNS THE LOSS "AT THE HANDS OF ISRAELI TERRORISTS" OF A TRUE COMRADE AND FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND THE

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RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS.

3. (U) SOME OF GHANA'S REGIONAL CDR'S ALSO HELD SOLIDARITY RALLIES MARKING ABU JIHAD'S DEATH. AT HO, CAPITAL OF THE VOLTA REGION, SECRETARY OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU ABDULLAH BUJEDIEN WAS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS, WHERE HE ADVISED "ALL REVOLUTIONARIES" TO STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF "DIFFICULTIES, AGGRESSIONS, AND THREATS FROM THE SUPERPOWERS." HE WAS JOINED IN HO BY THE NEW HEALTH SECRETARY, YAW AKRASI SARPONG. AT KOFORIDUA, CAPITAL OF THE EASTERN REGION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL CDR, KODWO DJAMESI, REPORTEDLY CONDEMNED THE US GOVERNMENT FOR "EXTENDING ITS ACTIVITIES TO PANAMA AND THE SUPPORT IT GAVE TO THE ZIONIST AGGRESSIVE FORCES TO MURDER" ABU JIHAD.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: GOG REACTION IN WAKE OF ABU JIHAD'S DEATH WAS ABOUT WHAT COULD BE EXPECTED, GIVEN GOG SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS AND PRESENCE OF PLO "EMBASSY" IN ACCRA. DESPITE THE ONE CDR REGIONAL RALLY AT WHICH THE USG WAS ALSO CRITICIZED, WE NOTE THAT THE OFFICIAL GOG STATEMENT AND CHAMBAS' REMARKS MAKE NO MENTION OF THE U.S., FOCUSSED THEIR CONDEMNATIONS EXCLUSIVELY AT ISRAEL.

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SUBJECT: POLICE ATTEMPT TO BREAK EAST JERUSALEM'S
COMMERCIAL STRIKE. FOUR PALESTINIANS SHOT AND
KILLED.

1. (U) SUMMARY: PALESTINIAN MERCHANTS AND THE
JERUSALEM POLICE PREPARED FOR A CONFRONTATION ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 24, AFTER SATURDAY POLICE WARNINGS
TO MERCHANTS TO RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OR
RISK BEING CLOSED INDEFINITELY IN AN EFFORT TO
BREAK THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF
THE UPRISING CALLING STRIKES. PALESTINIANS
CLASHED WITH POLICE AFTER FRIDAY PRAYERS AT
AL-AQSA MOSQUE. IDF SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED FIVE
PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OVER THE
WEEKEND AND WOUNDED AT LEAST 17 OTHERS. ANOTHER
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ARAB WOMAN DIED OF TEAR GAS INHALATION.
AUTHORITIES LIFTED ORDERS RESTRICTING ACCESS
BETWEEN ISRAEL, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AND REMOVED
ALL WEST BANK CURFEWS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25. AN
ISRAELI SOLDIER WAS GIVEN A FIVE-MONTH SUSPENDED
SENTENCE FOR BEATING ARABS IN NABLUS. END SUMMARY.

JERUSALEM POLICE TRY TO BREAK STRIKE LEADERSHIP

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2. (U) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23, COMMANDER OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, AMRAM MITZNA, CITING THE EMERGENCY LAWS OF 1945, ISSUED MILITARY ORDERS TO 40 PALESTINIAN MERCHANTS IN EAST JERUSALEM TO FORCE THEM OPEN THEIR SHOPS FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. DAILY. HE SAID THAT OWNERS WHO DEFIED THESE ORDERS WOULD HAVE THEIR SHOPS CLOSED. 25 MERCHANTS REFUSED TO COMPLY BECAUSE THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING HAS ORDERED PALESTINIAN MERCHANTS TO OPEN ONLY BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 5 P.M. DAILY. ONE HOUR AFTER SHOP OWNERS OPENED UP FOR BUSINESS AT 2 P.M., POLICE DISTRIBUTED NEW ORDERS THAT SHOPS MUST BE CLOSED FROM 2 P.M. TO 7 P.M. ONE STORE OWNER, A DIRECTOR OF THE EAST JERUSALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SAID THAT THE MERCHANTS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFY THE ORDER. THE ISRAELI MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION, BASED IN WEST JERUSALEM, CRITICIZED THE ORDERS AGAINST EAST JERUSALEM MERCHANTS AND SAID THAT ARAB MERCHANTS, LIKE JEWISH MERCHANTS MUST BE FREE TO OPEN AND CLOSE THEIR BUSINESS "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY BY-LAWS." POLICE HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT PLAN TO OPEN THE STORES BY FORCE, AS THE IDF HAS

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DONE IN THE WEST BANK. BUT IF THE MERCHANTS TRY TO OPEN AT 2 P.M. THE NEXT DAY, THE POLICE ARE EXPECTED TO FORCE THEM CLOSED.

3. (U) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23, LEAFLETS FROM AN UNNAMED ISLAMIC GROUP WERE DISTRIBUTED IN EAST JERUSALEM EXHORTING OBSERVANCE OF RAMADAN WITHOUT EVENING FEASTS AND THREATENING TO VANDALIZE BUSTAS (ROADSIDE ARAB GROCERY STALLS) IF THEY DO NOT FOLLOW STRIKE HOURS.

MOSLEMS CLASH WITH POLICE OUTSIDE AL-AQSA

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4. (U) ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22, THE FIRST SERIOUS CLASH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE JERUSALEM POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS ON THE HARAM A-SHARIF/TEMPLE MOUNT SINCE JANUARY 15. FOLLOWING MIDDAY PRAYERS, APRIL 22, THE FIRST FRIDAY OF RAMADAN, A FEW HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS CHANTED NATIONALIST SONGS WHILE THEY MARCHED AROUND THE MOSQUE COMPOUND. THEY WAVED PALESTINIAN AND BLACK FLAGS IN MOURNING FOR ABU JIHAD, AND ROCKS WERE THROWN AT POLICEMEN AND THE POLICE STATION. POLICE RESPONDED BY FIRING RUBBER BULLETS AND CLUBBING THE DEMONSTRATORS. 13

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PERSONS WERE INJURED, INCLUDING FIVE POLICEMEN AND
30 PALESTINIANS WERE ARRESTED. SIX OF THE EIGHT
WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH CLUB WOUNDS AND TWO OTHERS
FROM RUBBER BULLETS.

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FIVE PALESTINIANS DIE IN WEEKEND CLASHES

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5. (U) THREE WEST BANKERS AND TWO GAZANS (EMBASSY TEL AVIV WILL REPORT SEPTTEL) WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST 17 WOUNDED IN WEEKEND CLASHES BETWEEN IDF TROOPS AND DEMONSTRATORS WHO MARKED A WEEK SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD APRIL 22-24. ABOUT 165 PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE FIVE MONTHS OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. 4,800 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, 1,700 ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARREST ORDERS. THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED:

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-- FARAJ ISMAIL YOUSEF FARAJALLAH, 26, WAS SHOT AND KILLED AT IDNA VILLAGE, NEAR HEBRON, ON APRIL 22. THREE VILLAGERS ATTACKED IDF SOLDIERS DURING SEARCHES OF THE VILLAGE.

-- MUSTAFA ABU ZAID, 20, WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON APRIL 23 BY IDF SOLDIERS WHO CLASHED WITH DEMONSTRATORS AT QABATIYA, NEAR JENIN. ABU ZAID REPORTEDLY ATTACKED THE SOLDIER WITH AN AXE. FOUR OTHER RESIDENTS WERE WOUNDED.

-- AHMAD HASSAN SALIM AMR, 23, OF BEIT AROUSH ATTAHTA, NEAR DURA IN HEBRON DISTRICT, DIED ON APRIL 24 OF WOUNDS RECEIVED TWO DAYS BEFORE, WHEN SOLDIERS OPENED FIRE AT HIM FOR ALLEGEDLY THROWING A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL.

-- A 60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, NAIMA AL-ALAMI, FROM BEIT UMMAR VILLAGE, HEBRON DISTRICT, DIED ON APRIL 24 OF TEAR GAS SUFFOCATION DURING A CLASH BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND SOLDIERS. MILITARY SOURCES DENIED THE REPORT AND SAID THE WOMAN DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES.

-- ON APRIL 23 THREE PALESTINIANS WERE WOUNDED IN BANI NAIM AND MAJD VILLAGES, HEBRON DISTRICT, WHEN SOLDIERS USED RUBBER BULLETS AND TEARGAS TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS.

-- ON APRIL 23 OE PALESTINIAN YOUTH WAS WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE IN MASHA VILLAGE, NEAR TULKAREM.

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-- A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON QALQILYA ON APRIL 22 FROM 6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AFTER YOUTHS THREW STONES AT PASSING ISRAELI VEHICLES.

-- AUTHORITIES DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS WARNING RESIDENTS OF NABLUS AGAINST RESUMPTION OF DISTURBANCES, AFTER THE WEEK-LONG CURFEW WAS LIFTED.

WEST BANK ISOLATION AND CURFEWS END
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6. (U) CURFEWS ON 14 WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS AND THE CITY OF NABLUS WERE LIFTED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24. GASOLINE DELIVERIES TO THE WEST BANK, BANNED FOR OVER A MONTH WERE RESUMED. ABOUT 400,000 PALESTINIANS WERE AFFECTED BY THE CURFEWS IN 23 REFUGEE CAMPS AND TOWNS FOR SEVEN DAYS IN A ROW WHILE A WEEK-LONG BAN OF MEDIA COVERAGE REMAINED IN EFFECT. MOVEMENT FROM ONE WEST BANK REGION TO ANOTHER HAD ALSO BEEN BANNED. THE TOWN OF ANABTA AND NUR SHAMS REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR TULKAREM, ARE TO REMAIN UNDER CURFEW.

ISRAELI SOLDIER GETS LIGHT SENTENCE FOR BEATING
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7. (U) THE MILITARY COURT IN JAFFA ISSUED A 5-MONTH SENTENCE, SUSPENDED FOR TWO YEARS, ON CORPORAL SAGI HARPAZ, WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO CHARGES OF A CELEBRATED BEATING OF TWO ARAB MEN, FILMED BY A CBS NEWS CREW. HE WAS ALSO DEMOTED TO THE RANK OF PRIVATE.

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SUBJECT: MAHATHIR COMMENTS ON ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION

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2. MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER MAHATHIR WAS QUOTED IN THE APRIL 23 EDITIONS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEW STRAITS TIMES AND STAR NEWSPAPERS AS CONDEMNING THE ASSASSINATION OF PLO LEADER ABU JIHAD (KHALID AL-WAZIR) AS A "CRUEL" ACT OF TERRORISM. A SIMILAR STORY APPEARED IN THE APRIL 24 VERSION OF THE MALAY LANGUAGE MINGGUAN MALAYSIA. ACCORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS, MAHATHIR ADDED THAT WHILE ISRAEL HAD BEEN THE "MASTERMIND," ISRAEL'S "ALLIES" HAD PROBABLY ASSISTED IN PLANNING OR CARRYING OUT THE ATTACK. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT, "THESE ALLIES OFTEN CONDEMNED TERRORISM BUT THEY NOW SIDED WITH A POWER THAT RESORTED TO THIS PRACTICE WHEN THEY HELPED KILL ABU JIHAD."

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3. THE STORIES ALSO NOTE THAT MAHATHIR CITED THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, THE RECENT KUWAITI HIJACKING, AND OTHER VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD AS EVIDENCE THAT MANY MUSLIMS DID NOT FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM CLOSELY. HE CALLED UPON MUSLIMS IN MALAYSIA TO UNITE SO THAT WHATEVER MISUNDERSTANDINGS OCCURRED WITHIN THE COUNTRY COULD BE RESOLVED AMICABLY.

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4. COMMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS REPORTEDLY
TOOK PLACE DURING A BREAKING OF FAST RECEPTION HELD AT
A MOSQUE IN HIS HOME STATE OF KEDAH. FOLLOWING THE
APPEARANCE IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS OF A WIRE SERVICE
REPORT LINKING THE U.S. TO THE ABU JIHAD
ASSASSINATION, THE AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 20 PASSED
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT DENYING U.S.
INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLING TO MFA ACTING SECRETARY
GENERAL RAZALI ISMAIL (REFTEL); RAZALI EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR THE CLARIFICATION.
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1. PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR SIGNED
TODAY, APRIL 21, A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, AND WE ARE
PROVIDING THE TEXT AS PROMISED IN REFTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF
ISRAEL REGARDING JOINT POLITICAL, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC
COOPERATION

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THE PARTIES TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REAFFIRM THE
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND ISRAEL, BASED UPON COMMON GOALS, INTERESTS, AND
VALUES; WELCOME THE ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN STRATEGIC,
ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION;
RECOGNIZE THE MUTUAL BENEFITS OF THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT; TAKE NOTE OF UNITED STATES ECONOMIC
AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL; AND NOTE THAT ISRAEL

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IS CURRENTLY DESIGNATED, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 1105 OF THE 1987 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT, AS A MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE PARTIES WISH TO ENHANCE THEIR RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUED CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION AND HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM.

ARTICLE I

THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THEIR UNIQUE DIALOGUE AND AGREE TO CONTINUE FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS AND PERIODIC MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER, BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND BETWEEN OTHER CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS. IN THESE MEETINGS, INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE AND SIGNIFICANT CONCERN TO BOTH COUNTRIES WILL BE DISCUSSED AS APPROPRIATE.

ARTICLE II

A. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WILL MEET REGULARLY, FOR A JOINT POLITICAL CONSULTATION (JPC) TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH A VIEW TOWARD INCREASING THEIR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THESE ISSUES.

B. THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ISRAEL'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (MASHAV) MEET PERIODICALLY TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE, AS APPROPRIATE, PROGRAMS OF COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

ARTICLE III

THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL REAFFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING U.S.-ISRAELI JOINT GROUPS:

A. THE JOINT POLITICAL MILITARY GROUP (JPMG) IS THE FORUM IN WHICH THE TWO STATES DISCUSS AND IMPLEMENT, PURSUANT TO EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, JOINT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS SUCH AS COMBINED PLANNING, JOINT EXERCISES, AND LOGISTICS. THE JPMG ALSO DISCUSSES CURRENT

POLITICAL-MILITARY ISSUES OF MUTUAL STRATEGIC CONCERN.

1. THE JPMG IS A BINATIONAL, INTERAGENCY GROUP CO-CHAIRLED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS.

2. THE JPMG NORMALLY MEETS BIANNUALLY, ALTERNATING BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES.

B. THE JOINT SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNING GROUP (JSAP)
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IS THE FORUM IN WHICH THE TWO STATES REVIEW ISRAEL'S REQUESTS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN LIGHT OF CURRENT THREAT ASSESSMENTS AND U.S. BUDGETARY CAPABILITIES AND AGREE UPON PROPOSED LEVELS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE. THE JSAP ALSO DISCUSSES ISSUES RELATED TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AS WELL AS ISSUES RELATED TO ISRAEL'S INCLUSION AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS MAJOR NON-NATO ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 1105 OF THE 1987 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT.

1. THE JSAP IS A BINATIONAL, INTERAGENCY GROUP CO-CHAIRLED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. THE JSAP CURRENTLY MEETS ANNUALLY, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

C. THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP (JEDG) IS THE FORUM WHICH DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL'S ECONOMY. WITH A VIEW TO STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SELF-RELIANCE, THE JEDG EXCHANGES VIEWS ON ISRAELI ECONOMIC POLICY PLANNING, STABILIZATION EFFORTS, AND STRUCTURAL REFORM. THE JEDG ALSO EVALUATES ISRAEL'S REQUESTS FOR U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

1. THE JEDG IS A BINATIONAL, INTERAGENCY GROUP CO-CHAIRLED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. THE GROUP INCLUDES PRIVATE U.S. AND ISRAELI ECONOMISTS INVITED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.
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2. THE JEDG CURRENTLY MEETS BIANNUALLY, ALTERNATING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.

ARTICLE IV

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DOES NOT DEROGATE FROM ANY EXISTING AGREEMENTS OR UNDERTAKINGS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES NOR IN ANY WAY PREJUDICES THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF EITHER STATE UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE, THE PARTIES REAFFIRM THEIR ASPIRATIONS TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL COUNTRIES. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL COME INTO EFFECT UPON SIGNATURE, SHALL BE VALID FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, AND SHALL THEREAFTER BE RENEWED FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS UNLESS EITHER PARTY NOTIFIES THE OTHER PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A FIVE YEAR PERIOD THAT IT WISHES TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT.

DONE AT WASHINGTON AND AT JERUSALEM, IN DUPLICATE, IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 1988, THE FOURTH DAY OF IYAR, 5748, AND THE DAY OF APRIL, 1988, THE DAY OF IYAR, 5748.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL: END TEXT

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SUBJECT: ONE PALESTINIAN KILLED; CURFEW AND
STRIKES CONTINUE

1. SUMMARY: ONE PALESTINIAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED
AND 19 OTHERS WERE INJURED DURING CLASHES WITH IDF
TROOPS ON APRIL 20 AND 21. THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES WERE SEALED OFF, CURFEWS CONTINUED IN
15 WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS AND TWO TOWNS, AND A
GENERAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. PAMPHLET 14 CALLED FOR ESCALATION OF
VIOLENCE TO AVENGE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD. END
SUMMARY.

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2. MUHAMED HUSSEIN NASSAR, 20, OF THE NUSEIRAT
REFUGEE CAMP IN THE GAZA STRIP, WAS SHOT AND
KILLED BY SHARPSHOOTERS APRIL 20, WHEN
STONE-THROWING DEMONSTRATORS THREW STONES AT THE
SOLDIERS AND SHOUTED PRO-PLO SLOGANS DURING MOCK
FUNERALS HELD FOR THE SLAIN PLO MILITARY CHIEF,
ABU JIHAD. NINETEEN PALESTINIANS WERE REPORTED
WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK AND
GAZA. ONE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HE WAS HIT

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IN THE ABDOMEN. TWO OTHERS WERE HOSPITALIZED, SUFFERING FROM BROKEN LIMBS. PROTESTERS IN RAMALLAH HELD A MOCK FUNERAL FOR ABU JIHAD AND CLASHED WITH SOLDIERS WHO TRIED TO BREAK UP THE PROCESSION. AN ISRAELI SOLDIER WAS INJURED WHEN HE WAS HIT IN THE EYE BY A ROCK. MOCK FUNERALS WERE ALSO REPORTED IN VILLAGES AROUND RAMALLAH AND BEIT SAHOUR. SEVERAL OTHER INCIDENTS WERE ALSO REPORTED:

-- SEVERAL ARAB POLICEMEN, WHO HAD RETURNED TO WORK IN BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON, HAD THEIR CARS VANDALIZED. SOME 40 POLICEMEN ARE KNOWN TO HAVE RETURNED TO WORK, MOST OF THEM IN HEBRON.

-- JERUSALEM POLICE FIRED RUBBER BULLETS TO BREAK UP A DEMONSTRATION AND A MOCK FUNERAL FOR ABU JIHAD IN NEARBY A-SAWIYEH VILLAGE, NEAR JERUSALEM. VILLAGERS FLEW PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND THREW STONES.

-- UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BROKE THE WINDOWS OF FIVE ISRAELI CARS PARKED IN WEST JERUSALEM. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING.
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-- AUTHORITIES OPENED ANOTHER DETENTION CAMP IN THE WEST BANK TO ACCOMMODATE THE MOUNTING NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN DETAINEES. OVER 5,000 ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD.

CURFEW, GENERAL STRIKE OBSERVED
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3. A GENERAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, APRIL 21, IN PROTEST AGAINST ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY. THE STREETS OF MOST TOWNS AND VILLAGES WERE DESERTED. MORE THAN 400,000 PALESTINIANS REMAINED UNDER CURFEW IN 15 WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS, NABLUS AND ANABTA. THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WERE SEALED OFF APRIL 21; PALESTINIANS WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO ISRAEL AND THE MEDIA WAS BANNED FROM THE AREA. NUMEROUS ISRAELI CHECKPOINTS BLOCKED ACCESS TO JOURNALISTS AND PREVENTED MOVEMENT OF PALESTINIANS FROM ONE AREA OF THE WEST BANK TO ANOTHER. MEANWHILE, SOLDIERS ESCORTED SCORES OF ISRAELI MOTORISTS ON A SIGHTSEEING TRIP ORGANIZED BY THE ISRAELI RIGHT-WING PARTY, TEHIYA.

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UPRISING DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLET 14, CALLING FOR
ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE TO AVENGE THE KILLING OF
ABU JIHAD. THE PAMPHLET ISSUE WAS DEDICATED TO
ABU JIHAD, BORE HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND CALLED HIS

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ASSASSINATION "A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ABORT THE
UPRISING." THE LEAFLET CALLED ON PALESTINIANS TO
STEP UP ATTACKS ON SOLDIERS AND DESIGNATED FRIDAY,
APRIL 22, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 24, AS DAYS OF PRAYER
AND MOCK FUNERALS IN MEMORY OF ABU JIHAD. A
GENERAL STRIKE IS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28,
IN SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN DEPORTEES.
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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV REACTION TO ABU JIHAD
- ASSASSINATION

1. THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT PRESS SPOKESMAN
APRIL 21 WAS ASKED BY AN IRANIAN REPORTER IF
YUGOSLAVIA ACCEPTED TUNISIAN ALLEGATIONS OF
ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT IN THE ABU JIHAD ASSASS-
INATION. "YES," HE REPLIED, "BUT SUCH INFORMA-
TION ALREADY EXISTS." NUMEROUS YUGOSLAV
ORGANIZATIONS (THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, THE LEAGUE
OF COMMUNISTS, THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION)
HAVE SENT CONDOLENCES TO THE PLO, AND A BOOK
OF CONDOLENCES HAS BEEN OPENED AT THE PLO
MISSION HERE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE
SOCIALIST ALLIANCE CONDEMNED THE "AGGRESSIVE
AND TERRORIST POLICY OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF FRIENDLY AND
NONALIGNED TUNISIA." HOWEVER, THE COMMUNISTS
AND VETERANS REFRAINED FROM MENTIONING ISRAEL
IN THEIR STATEMENTS, IF PRESS REPORTS ARE TO
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BE BELIEVED; AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO ALLEGATIONS
OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS DID
CARRY A TANJUG REPORT OF ARAFAT'S ALLEGATIONS
TO THIS EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
ASSASSINATION.
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SUBJECT: SECRETARY TO THE PRESS ON AL-WAZIR

1. FOLLOWING ARE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF KHALIL AL-WAZIR MADE TO PRESS EN ROUTE
TO SHANNON APRIL 19 FYI ONLY:

Q: THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION. THE U.S. TOOK AN UNUSUAL
STEP OF MAKING THIS CATEGORICAL AND PUBLIC STATEMENT
INITIALLY, RIGHT OFF THE BAT, ABOUT NOT PLAYING ANY PART
IN IT. THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT WHO DID PLAY A
PART IN IT. IT SEEMS TO ME MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE
MAKING THE ASSUMPTION BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL
THAT ISRAEL WAS BEHIND IT. DO YOU CONSIDER THAT
ASSASSINATION AN ACT OF TERRORISM? IF SO, DO YOU BELIEVE
ISRAEL WAS INVOLVED IN IT? TO CARRY IT ONE PHILOSOPHICAL
STEP FURTHER, CAN THE U.S. CONTINUE TO SAY IT WON'T
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1. FOLLOWING ARE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF KHALIL AL-WAZIR MADE TO PRESS EN ROUTE
TO SHANNON APRIL 19 FYI ONLY

Q: THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION. THE U.S. TOOK AN UNUSUAL
STEP OF MAKING THIS CATEGORICAL AND PUBLIC STATEMENT
INITIALLY, RIGHT OFF THE BAT, ABOUT NOT PLAYING ANY PART
IN IT. THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT WHO DID PLAY A
PART IN IT. IT SEEMS TO ME MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE
MAKING THE ASSUMPTION BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL
THAT ISRAEL WAS BEHIND IT. DO YOU CONSIDER THAT

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ASSASSINATION AN ACT OF TERRORISM? IF SO, DO YOU BELIEVE
ISRAEL WAS INVOLVED IN IT? TO CARRY IT ONE PHILOSOPHICAL
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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENING TV NEWSCASTS, WEDNESDAY 4/20

A. ABC'S WORLD NEWS TONIGHT

1. HIJACKING AFTERMATH - HOSTAGES FROM THE KUWAITI AIRCRAFT HAVE IDENTIFIED ONE OF THEIR HIJACKERS AS HASSAN IZZ-AL-DIN, A LEBANESE MEMBER OF HEZBOLLAH. IZZ-AL-DIN MAY HAVE PULLED THE TRIGGER ON THE GUN THAT KILLED U.S. NAVY DIVER ROBERT STEDHAM DURING THE HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847. THE U.S. HAS HAD A WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST SINCE 1985. (SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ: "THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT ONLY HIJACKERS, THEY ARE ALSO MURDERERS. LET'S NOT FORGET THAT.") THE U.S. IS FURIOUS THAT IZZ-AL-DIN AND HIS ACCOMPLICES APPEAR TO HAVE GOTTEN AWAY. AND, ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE U.S. CITIZEN WAS ON BOARD THE KUWAITI JET, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WILL TRY TO PUNISH THE HIJACKERS. (PHYLLIS OAKLEY: "WE WILL NOT REST IN OUR EFFORTS TO BRING THEM TO JUSTICE WHEREVER THEY ARE.") IF THE HIJACKERS HAVE INDEED FLED TO IRAN,
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LEBANON, OR LIBYA, THE CHANCES OF THE U.S. GETTING ITS HANDS ON THEM ARE SLIM. THE HIJACKERS' FAILURE TO WIN THE RELEASE OF THE KUWAITI PRISONERS AND THE FACT THAT THEY APPEAR TO HAVE GOTTEN OFF SCOT-FREE HAS AMERICAN OFFICIALS WORRIED THAT IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY HIJACK AGAIN. (JEANNE MESERVE - STATE DEPARTMENT)

2. PERSIAN GULF - AS TO WHETHER IRAN USED CHINESE SILKWORM MISSILES AGAINST AMERICAN FORCES IN THE PERSIAN

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GULF, INTELLIGENCE SOURCES TELL ABC THAT AERIAL PHOTOS TAKEN OF THE SILKWORM LOCATIONS ALONG THE GULF OFFER NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY SILKWORM WAS FIRED. (PETER JENNINGS)

3. ABU JIHAD - IN DAMASCUS TODAY, ABU JIHAD WAS GIVEN A VERY POLITICAL FUNERAL. (PETER JENNINGS)

IF ANYONE THOUGHT THE DEATH OF ABU JIHAD WOULD WEAKEN THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT, THEY WERE WRONG -- ON THIS DAY, AT LEAST. PALESTINIANS OF ALL FACTIONS CAME TOGETHER IN A RARE SHOW OF SOLIDARITY. BUT THERE WAS ONE GLARING EXCEPTION -- PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT. HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH ABU JIHAD WAS OVERSHADOWED BY HIS FIVE-YEAR FEUD WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD. (DON KLANDSTRUP - DAMASCUS)

FOR THE ISRAELIS, THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD HAD A DOUBLE OBJECTIVE. FIRST, TO ELIMINATE THE MAN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN COORDINATING AND FUNDING THE UPRISINGS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SECOND, TO REAFFIRM THE REPUTATION OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES, TARNISHED BY ACTION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. BUT THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD MAY HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ISRAEL, AS WELL. HE IS NOW A MARTYR, AND HIS DEATH ALREADY HAS FUELED UPRISINGS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AND EVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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IF ISRAEL SAW ABU JIHAD AS A TERRORIST, OTHERS SAW HIM AS A MODERATE WHO WAS WILLING AND CAPABLE OF NEGOTIATING WITH ISRAEL. AS ABU JIHAD'S BODY LEFT TUNISIA YESTERDAY, PLO LEADER YASIR ARAFAT PROMISED THAT HIS DEATH WOULD BE AVENGED. INFORMATION FROM TOP PLO OFFICIALS INDICATES THAT REVENGE IS ALREADY BEING PLANNED. (PIERRE SALINGER - LONDON)

B. CBS EVENING NEWS

1. HIJACKING AFTERMATH - U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY WERE UPSET THAT THE HIJACKERS APPARENTLY WILL GO SCOT-FREE. (DAN RATHER)

EVEN AS A SENSE OF RELIEF FLOWED THROUGH KUWAIT, QUESTIONS WERE BEING ASKED ABOUT JUST WHAT DEAL HAD BEEN MADE. AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAID THE 17 TERRORIST PRISONERS HELD HERE WOULD NOT BE RELEASED, AS THE HIJACKERS WANTED, THOUGH NOT EVERYONE AGREED THE HIJACKERS SHOULD BE LET GO. THERE WAS ADMIRATION FOR THE KUWAITIS' STANCE AROUND THE WORLD. BUT THERE WERE RESERVATIONS, TOO. (SECRETARY SHULTZ: "THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT ONLY HIJACKERS, THEY ARE ALSO MURDERERS. LET'S NOT FORGET THAT.") THE MEMBERS OF KUWAIT'S RULING FAMILY WERE DECLARING VICTORY AS THEY CELEBRATED TONIGHT. STILL

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CELEBRATING TONIGHT, KUWAIT BELIEVES IT HAS TAUGHT THE
WORLD A LESSON ON HOW TO DEAL WITH TERRORISTS. BUT THIS
IS A LIMITED VICTORY WITH THE HIJACKERS GOING FREE. THIS
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2. SUMMARY: THE GOR HAS GIVEN HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO THE APRIL 16 ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD, WHO HAD SERVED AT TIMES AS ONE OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S MIDDLE EAST INTER-LOCUTORS. CEAUSESCU HIMSELF, TRAVELLING IN ASIA, SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO YASIR ARAFAT; ROMANIA'S TOP-RANKING IN-COUNTRY PARTY OFFICIAL SIGNED THE PLO'S CONDOLENCE BOOK. LOCAL PALESTINIANS, REPORTEDLY IN MOURNING, ARE UNLIKELY TO RESPOND BEYOND LIMITS SET BY THE GOR. END SUMMARY.

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3. ROMANIA'S OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE APRIL 16 ASSASSINATION OF PLO DEFENSE MINISTER ABU JIHAD HAS BEEN HIGH-PROFILE. THE APRIL 18 PRESS PUBLISHED A TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO YASIR ARAFAT EXPRESSING HIS "PROFOUND INDIGATION" AT THE ACT. "THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE," CEAUSESCU STATED, STRONGLY CONDEMN THIS TERRORIST ACT; THE ROMANIAN PRESIDENT ADDRESSED "SINCERE CONDOLENCES" TO ARAFAT AND "DEEP COMPASSION" TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED.

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4. APRIL 20'S PRESS REPORTED THAT POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER EMIL BOBU, GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE TOP RANKING ROMANIAN OFFICIAL AFTER THE CEAUSESCUS, PRESENTED THE PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES THE PREVIOUS DAY AT THE PLO'S PERMANENT OFFICE IN BUCHAREST. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTIN RADU, CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEPUTY CHIEF OF SECTION GHITA FLOREA, AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TRAIAN POP JOINED BOBU IN THE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN DELEGATION.

5. INITIAL ROMANIAN PRESS REPORTS SAID THAT ABU JIHAD'S KILLERS WERE "UNIDENTIFIED." APRIL 20 DISPATCHES, HOWEVER, QUOTED TUNISIAN SOURCES AND ARAFAT AS BLAMING ISRAEL FOR THE ACT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACCUSATIONS OF U.S. COMPLICITY OR ACQUIESCENCE IN THE PRINT MEDIA.

6. A WESTERN SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCAL PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY, WHICH CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF STUDENTS, SEEMED GREATLY AFFECTED BY ABU JIHAD'S DEATH. HE SAID THAT PALESTINIANS APPEARED TO BE ATTENDING MORE POLITICAL MEETINGS THAN USUAL AFTER THE KILLING. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STUDENTS WERE SO CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR STATUS HERE THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT

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THEM TO UNDERTAKE ANY RESPONSE BEYOND THAT ALLOWED BY THE GOR.

7. COMMENT: THE REACTION OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU MAY RESULT IN PART FROM A GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ARAFAT AND, PRESUMABLY, ABU JIHAD; IT ALSO REFLECTS A DESIRE TO KEEP ACTIVE IN THE REGION, PLAYING BOTH SIDES OF THE ARAB/ISRAELI DISPUTE: THUS THE AVOIDANCE OF ANY OFFICIAL ALLEGATIONS OF ISRAELI COMPLICITY IN THE KILLING, WHILE HIGHLIGHTING - THROUGH HIS TELEGRAM, REPETITION OF TUNISIAN ACCUSATIONS, AND BOBU'S SIGNING THE CONDOLENCE BOOK - HIS SYMPATHY WITH THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. WHILE THE GOR MAY ALLOW "DEMONSTRATIONS" (CAREFULLY STAGED AND RECORDED, BUT OTHERWISE INVISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC) AMONG ARAB STUDENTS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH OCCURRED DURING DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITEHEAD'S FEBRUARY VISIT, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE SECURITY APPARATUS WILL CONTROL ANY VIOLENT TENDENCIES.

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2. ON APRIL 20 DCM DUNFORD BRIEFED DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABDUL RAHMAN MANSURI ABOUT
OUR SIGNATURE APRIL 21 OF NEW U.S.-ISRAELI MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT. DUNFORD EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEMORANDUM
INCLUDED NO NEW UNDERTAKINGS. MANSURI REACTED BY SAYING
THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE A HELP TO THE PEACE PROCESS.
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1. WE ARE PROVIDING THE TEXT OF THE WHITE HOUSE
STATEMENT ON THE MOA SIGNATURE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT
BOB OAKLEY PASSED THIS TO ODED ERAN TODAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. TODAY, ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE, THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL HAVE
SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA). THIS MOA
FORMALIZES AND PERPETUATES THE BILATERAL U.S. AND ISRAELI
CONSULTATIVE GROUPS THAT MEET PERIODICALLY TO DISCUSS
JOINT MILITARY, SECURITY ASSISTANCE, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENTAL QUESTIONS.

THE MOA REITERATES FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD OUR
LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP OF STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH

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ISRAEL. STRATEGIC COOPERATION CAN ONLY SUCCEED WHEN
THERE ARE SHARED INTERESTS, INCLUDING THE COMMITMENT TO
BUILDING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

IT REFLECTS THE ENDURING U.S. COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S
SECURITY. THAT COMMITMENT WILL NEVER FLAG. THE U.S.

COMMITMENT TO PEACE WILL ALSO NOT FLAG. THE PRESIDENT
KNOWS THAT A STRONG ISRAEL IS NECESSARY IF PEACE IS TO BE

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POSSIBLE. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT ISRAEL CAN NEVER BE TRULY
SECURE WITHOUT PEACE.

TO THAT END, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE
SHULTZ TO CONTINUE HIS PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS, SEEKING A
COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL ASSURE ISRAELI
SECURITY AND PROVIDE FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT REMAINS CONVINCED THAT
OUR PEACE INITIATIVE IS BALANCED AND OFFERS THE ONLY
REALISTIC BASIS ON WHICH TO MAKE PROGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT REITERATES HIS APPEAL TO THE LEADERS IN THE
REGION NOT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE AHEAD AND GET
TO PRODUCTIVE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE
THAT ISRAEL HAS FERVENTLY SOUGHT OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS.
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2. ON APRIL 21, ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL WILL ANNOUNCE THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY COOPERATION. THE AGREEMENT FORMALIZES EXISTING COOPERATIVE RELATIONS AND DOES NOT

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COMMIT EITHER PARTY TO ANY NEW OBLIGATIONS.

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW U.S.-ISRAELI AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME, EVEN ONE WHICH DOES NOT FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, COULD BE INFLAMMATORY AMONG POPULATIONS SUBJECT TO ANTI-ISRAELI OR

ANTI-AMERICAN AGITATION. THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL IS UNDER UNUSUAL SCRUTINY FOLLOWING SEVERAL MONTHS OF PALESTINIAN UNREST IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD, FOR WHICH ISRAEL AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, THE U.S. HAVE BEEN BLAMED. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING AN INCREASED THREAT TO ANY AMERICAN FACILITY AS A RESULT OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, PUBLIC PROTESTS AND OTHER ANTI-AMERICAN ACTS, PERHAPS EVEN ACTS OF VIOLENCE, CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

4. POSTS ARE URGED TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES. POSTS SHOULD ALSO CONSULT REFTELS FOR OTHER THREAT RELATED INFORMATION.

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2. THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON AND PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR IN JERUSALEM WILL SIGN ON APRIL 21, ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) REGARDING JOINT POLITICAL, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE MOA SYMBOLIZES THE HIGH DEGREE OF COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION THAT CHARACTERIZES THE U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP AND FORMALIZES EXISTING CONSULTATIVE GROUPS. THE MOA DOES NOT COMMIT EITHER THE U.S. OR ISRAEL TO ANY NEW UNDERTAKINGS OR OBLIGATIONS.

2. AMMAN, CAIRO, DAMASCUS, AND RIYADH MAY, IF CONSIDERED USEFUL, INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS ON APRIL 20 THAT THE MOA WILL BE SIGNED THE FOLLOWING DAY AND USE THE FOLLOWING

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3. BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

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CONJUNCTION WITH ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY, A MEMORANDUM

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BILATERAL, CONSULTATIVE GROUPS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED OVER
THE PAST YEARS. WE HAVE HAD SIMILAR AGREEMENTS FOR
SIMILAR JOINT COMMISSIONS WITH ARAB GOVERNMENTS
(E.G., SAUDI ARABIA, TUNISIA, MOROCCO, JORDAN).

-- THE MOA COMMITS NEITHER THE U.S. NOR ISRAEL TO ANY
NEW OBLIGATIONS OR UNDERTAKINGS.

-- IT IS BEING SIGNED AT THIS TIME TO COMMEMORATE THE
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE.

-- WE WILL USE THIS SYMBOL OF SUPPORT TO REASSURE ISRAEL
THAT IT CAN SAFELY AGREE TO COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. WE WILL SEND TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AND PRESS
GUIDANCE SEPTTEL, AS SOON AS MOA IS SIGNED AND ANNOUNCED. WHITEHEAD

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"THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BEEN INFORMED IN EUROPE OF THE LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REQUESTING AN URGENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND CONVEYING THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT BY THE TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING THE ASSASSINATION OF MR. KHALID AL-WAZIR (ABU JIHAD). THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS VERY CONCERNED AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE EVIDENCE OF A FURTHER INFRINGEMENT BY ISRAEL OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF TUNISIA. HE RECALLS THAT, IN RESOLUTION 573 (1985), THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INTER ALIA, VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED AN EARLIER ACT

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SUBJECT: THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD: WHODUNIT?

1. [REDACTED]

2. (SUMMARY) DESPITE OFFICIAL DISCLAIMERS OF
RESPONSIBILITY, HARDLY ANYONE IN ISRAEL TODAY DOUBTS
THAT THE ISRAELIS KILLED ABU JIHAD ON APRIL 16 IN
TUNIS. THOSE WHO WOULD KNOW JUST AREN'T SAYING MUCH,
IF ANYTHING. THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW SPECULATE THAT THE
LONG REACH OF ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE ELIMINATED ABU
JIHAD AND THEY APPLAUDE. WITH AN INCREASINGLY HAWKISH
DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY THAT SUPPORTS THE USE OF
WHATEVER FORCE IS NECESSARY AGAINST PALESTINIANS, THE
HIT AGAINST ONE OF ISRAEL'S MOST PROMINENT ENEMIES
PLAYS VERY WELL. (END SUMMARY)

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3. THE LATEST POLITICAL GUESSING GAME IN ISRAEL DID
NOT LAST VERY LONG. ALTHOUGH THE ISRAELI LEADERSHIP
HAS BEEN EQUIVOCAL, BY NOW, NOBODY DOUBTS THAT ISRAEL
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD. IN AN
INTERVIEW WITH ARMY RADIO, FOREIGN MINISTER PERES
SEEMED TO SKIRT THE ISSUE OF ABU JIHAD. WHEN ASKED,
"ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD WAS A
SIGNAL TO THOSE WHO ESPOUSE VIOLENCE?" HE REPLIED,

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"I WOULD NOT LIKE TO REFER TO THE ABU JIHAD ISSUE IN ANY WAY. I AM REFERRING TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THE FACT THAT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN US AND THE PALESTINIANS IS NO SECRET. THE REAL PROBLEM IS HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS CONFLICT, WITH SWORDS OR IN TALKS." DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN, ASKED TO COMMENT ON NBC AND "TIME" MAGAZINE REPORTS THAT ISRAEL CARRIED OUT THE KILLING, SAID, "ASK TIME AND NBC." PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR CALLED THE CHARGE "NONSENSE", BUT HIS PROTESTATION WAS NOT PERSUASIVE.

4. IN THE FIRST FEW HOURS AFTER THE KILLING, MANY ISRAELIS WERE QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT A FAIRLY LARGE NUMBER OF PARTIES--ISRAELIS, RIVAL PALESTINIANS, AND OTHER ARABS--HAD SCORES TO SETTLE WITH ABU JIHAD AND ANY ONE OF THOSE HAD A MOTIVE TO KILL HIM. BUT AS NO PARTY STEPPED FORWARD TO TAKE CREDIT AND AS THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DECLINED TO ABSOLVE ITSELF OF BLAME, DOMESTIC SPECULATION INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON ISRAEL AS THE PERPETRATOR OF THE ACT.

5. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND ANALYSTS POINTED OUT THAT ISRAEL COULD HAVE BEEN SEEKING SIMPLY TO AVENGE THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE DIMONA BUS LAST MONTH (AN
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ATTACK FOR WHICH ABU JIHAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY). BUT THEY SPECULATED THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, ISRAEL MIGHT HAVE ASSESSED THAT THE ELIMINATION OF THE PLO'S MILITARY CHIEF WOULD BE A SEVERE BLOW TO PALESTINIAN MORALE AND IN THE LONG RUN COULD LEAD TO THE SUBSIDING OF THE UPRISING IN THE TERRITORIES (EVEN THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE AN INITIAL VIOLENT UPSURGE). SOME ISRAELIS BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL'S MOTIVES FOR THE MOVE WERE DETERRENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE LONG REACH OF THE ISRAELIS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PLO THINK TWICE BEFORE ATTACKING ISRAEL AGAIN. WHATEVER THE GOI'S MOTIVES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ISRAELI ARABS AND A FEW FAR LEFT POLITICIANS, ISRAELIS UNIVERSALLY PRAISED THE RESULTS.

6. THE KILLING HAS BEEN GREETED WITH REJOICING IN ISRAEL AND WE SUSPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT STANDS TO GAIN MORE WITH ITS DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY THAN IT STANDS TO LOSE IN WORLD OPINION IF SOME PROOF IS FOUND OF AN ISRAELI HAND IN THE DEATH OF ABU JIHAD. AT THE MOMENT, THE ISRAELIS CAN ENJOY THE PRESTIGE OF HAVING DONE IT, WITHOUT THE ONUS OF HAVING TO ADMIT IT. PICKERING UNQUOTE WHITEHEAD

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IMPLICATION OF U.S. IN ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION

REF: DOHA 1080

1. (U) THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE "DAILY GULF TIMES" FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1988, IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL
ENTITLED "WEIGHING PROSPECTS" SUGGESTS THAT THE U.S.
COOPERATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PALESTINIAN LEADER
ABU JIHAD. QUOTE:

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-- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, EVEN NOW, SHOWS ITS BIAS ON THE
-- ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, REFRAINING FROM ANY CONDEMNATION
-- OF MOSSAD'S ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. AND IF SOME
-- REPORTS ARE TRUE, THAT THE AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET DID
-- INDEED GIVE HELP TO THE ASSASSINS ON THEIR
-- DASTARDLY MISSION, THEN A WHOLE NEW FIELD OF COOPERATION
-- BETWEEN THE US GOVERNMENT AND THE TEL AVIV TERRORISTS
-- WILL HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. IT WOULD BE HARD IN SUCH
-- CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXPECT ANY ENLIGHTENED US APPROACH

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2. [REDACTED] AT 7:30 THIS MORNING, AMBASSADOR PHONED THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND AMIR'S OFFICE DIRECTOR, ISSA GHANIM AL-KAWARI TO PROTEST AGAINST SUCH RECKLESS EDITORIALIZING WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF SPREADING MANIFEST UNTRUTHS AND INCITING PUBLIC EMOTIONS. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT TO AL-KAWARI THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS CONDEMNED THIS POLITICAL ASSASSINATION AND OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM.

3. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR DRAFTED LETTER TO AL-KAWARI EXPRESSING THIS PROTEST IN SPECIFIC TERMS. THE LETTER WAS DELIVERED BY THE PAO DIRECTLY TO AL-KAWARI'S OFFICE AT 10:00 A.M.

4. BAGHDAD MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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-- THE PRIME MINISTER WILL HEAD AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO VISIT IRAQ.

-- ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD TRIGGERS MORE PRESS COMMENTS.

-- CRITICISM OF US CONTRADICTORY STANDS AND BLIND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

-- THE MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY ADMITS SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY IS GRAVE.

-- CRITICISM OF MANAGEMENT OF TOURIST INDUSTRY.

-- OPPOSITION PAPERS SPECULATE ON THE EXPECTED SALARY HIKE.

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ESTABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. US/IRAN. THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL PAPERS REPORTS A GRAVE CONFRONTATION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE US AND IRAN IN THE GULF. TEHRAN THREATENED TO ATTACK US INTERESTS IN THE WORLD, WHILE PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID THAT IRAN WOULD PAY DEARLY FOR ITS THREATS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TRANQUILITY WOULD BE RESTORED TO THE GULF.

2. EGYPT/IRAQ. ALL PAPERS REPORT PRIME MINISTER SEDKY WILL VISIT IRAQ EARLY IN MAY AT THE HEAD OF AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION, CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM MUBARAK TO PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN. A LONG TERM AGREEMENT FOR COORDINATION OF BILATERAL COOPERATION WILL BE SIGNED. MOREOVER, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT EGYPTIAN-IRAQI HIGHER COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE VISIT.

3. EGYPTIAN-ARAB COMPANIES. AHAM REPORTS THREE EGYPTIAN-ARAB HOLDING COMPANIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN DAYS. THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANIES AMOUNTS TO LE 600

MILLION, WHICH INCLUDES AN INDUSTRIAL COMPANY WITH CAPITAL OF LE 300 MILLION, AN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY WITH LE 200 MILLION, AND A TOURIST AND REAL ESTATE COMPANY WITH LE 100 MILLION. AHAM NOTES THAT ARAB INVESTMENTS IN EGYPT HAVE EXCEEDED LE 3 BILLION.

4. EGYPT/TUNISIA. ALL PAPERS REPORT A JOINT STATEMENT

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WAS ISSUED ON THE RESULT OF THE VISIT OF TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER AL-BACCOUCHE. THE TWO COUNTRIES EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE AND DENOUNCED THE ARBITRARY PRACTICES OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES. THEY CALLED UPON IRAQ AND IRAN TO WORK TO STOP THE GULF WAR. THREE NEW AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED FOR EXCHANGING CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES AND INCREASING TRADE, PREVENTING DOUBLE TAXATION, AND PROMOTING INVESTMENTS.

5. ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AHRAH WRITES THAT THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION OF ABU JIHAD CARRIED OUT BY ISRAEL IS AIMED AT TWO THINGS: EXTINGUISHING OR UNDERMINING THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING, AND KEEPING EACH ARAB COUNTRY BUSY WITH ITS OWN PROBLEMS, THEREBY CURBING ANY ATTEMPT TO CLOSE THE ARAB RANKS OR UPSET THE BALANCE OF POWER IN FAVOR OF THE ARABS. AKHBAR'S COLUMNIST MUSTAFA AMIN WRITES THAT THE KILLERS OF ABU JIHAD WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE THAT THE ASSASSINATION ONLY MADE THE UPRISING STRONGER. NOW ALL THE WORLD KNOWS THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT PEACE. HOWEVER, NOTES AMIN, THE PALESTINIAN ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD REMAIN RESTRICTED TO ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND NOT OUTSIDE THEM.

6. EGYPT/US. FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW, AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AKHBAR CRITICIZES THE CONTRADICTORY STANDS OF THE US GOVERNMENT AND WRITES THAT HAD EINSTEIN BEEN ALIVE, EVEN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PERPLEXED BY THESE CONFLICTING STANDS, FOR AT A TIME WHEN SHULTZ IS EXERTING PEACE EFFORTS, WASHINGTON INSISTS ON VETOING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, AND CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE

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ISRAELI TERRORISTS WHO ASSASSINATED ABU JIHAD. THIS CONTRADICTIONARY POLICY IS THE REASON FOR THE LOSS OF WASHINGTON'S CREDIBILITY.

7. MAHGOUB IN WASHINGTON. AHAM, IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY, REPORTS THAT DERWINSKI TOLD ASSEMBLY SPEAKER RIFAAT AL-MAHGOUB DURING A MEETING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT US ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT WILL NOT BE REDUCED DESPITE CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES. AHAM ALSO REPORTS THAT MAHGOUB DISCUSSED EGYPT'S ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM AND EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT WITH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER POWELL AND AID ADMINISTRATOR WOODS.

8. EGYPT/YUGOSLAVIA. AHAM REPORTS A COOPERATION PROTOCOL WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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9. INTERVIEW WITH THE MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY. AHAM CARRIES A LONG INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY MAHER ABABA, WHO SAYS THAT THE EXPECTED SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY, ESPECIALLY HIGH DAM ELECTRICITY, IS VERY GRAVE AND THE SITUATION IS VERY CRUCIAL THIS YEAR. THE ONLY HOPE LEFT IS BUILDING 13 THERMAL POWER PLANTS, WHICH WILL NOT BE OPERATIONAL BEFORE MARCH 1989. THE MINISTER NOTES THAT ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION HAS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF RAMADAN.

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10. CRITICISM OF MALADMINISTRATION OF EGYPTAIR. AKHBAR'S COLUMNIST MUSA SABRY CRITICIZES THE LACK OF MAINTENANCE OF EGYPTAIR PLANES, WHICH RESULTED IN KEEPING 2000 TOURISTS WHO WANTED TO LEAVE FOR HOME FOR TWO NIGHTS IN ASWAN AND LUXOR. EGYPTAIR HAD TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THESE TOURISTS DUE TO THE INEFFICIENCY OF ITS ADMINISTRATION. SABRY ATTACKS EGYPTAIR'S BAD MANAGEMENT, WHICH WILL DEFINITELY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON EGYPT'S REPUTATION AND REVENUES.

11. STUDENTS EXPELLED. ALL PAPERS REPORT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT SUPPORTED THE DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF AL-MENOUFIA UNIVERSITY EXPELLING 15 STUDENTS FROM 1 TO 3 MONTHS FOR DEMONSTRATING AND DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS.

12. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE FOR APRIL 20 IS PT 226.0 FOR BUYING AND PT 226.6 FOR SELLING.

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13. PRIVATE SECTOR SALARY INCREASE. AL-WAFD REPORTS THE GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING TALKS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ORDER TO INCREASE SALARIES LIKE THE PUBLIC SECTOR. REPORTEDLY, MORE BANKNOTES WILL BE PRINTED AND SUBSIDIES WILL BE REDUCED TO FINANCE THE NEW SALARY HIKE. ON THE OTHER HAND, AL-AHALI REPORTS THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE NEW SALARY INCREASE AND THERE IS A

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TENDENCY TO GIVE ONLY THE MAY DAY BONUS FOR THE TIME BEING. PRIME MINISTER SEDKY REPORTEDLY CLASHED WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NDP, WHICH WANTED TO RAISE WAGES BY ANY
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MEANS BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. SEDKY WAS FORCED TO SEEK PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S INTERVENTION TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO ANNOUNCE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE SALARY HIKE BECAUSE IT IS VERY SMALL WHEN COMPARED TO THE PRESENT INFLATION RATES. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE PROPOSES A HIKE OF 25 PER CENT OVER FIVE YEARS.

14. OPPOSITION BOYCOTTS THE GOVERNMENT. AL-AHALI REPORTS LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES STATED THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF RESUMING THEIR DIALOGUE WITH THE NDP BEFORE THE CANCELLATION OF THE EMERGENCY LAW. THE LEADERS AFFIRMED THERE WAS NO DIVISION IN THEIR RANKS OVER THAT ISSUE. THE LABOR PARTY CALLED UPON THE OPPOSITION PARTIES TO TAKE MORE HARDLINE STANDS THAN JUST STOPPING THE DIALOGUE WITH THE NDP.

15. AHALI ON ABU JIHAD. AL-AHALI'S UNSIGNED EDITORIAL CHARGES ISRAEL AND THE US WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD IN TUNIS. NOTING THAT HIS LOSS IS PAINFUL, THE EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT THE ASSASSINATION PROVES THAT THE PLO IS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING; THAT ISRAEL AND AMERICA HAVE FAILED TO PUT THE UPRISING DOWN; AND THAT ISRAEL AND AMERICA HAVE FAILED TO CONVINCE THE WORLD THAT THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS TERRORIST SINCE THE WORLD KNOWS THAT ISRAEL IS THE DEN OF STATE TERRORISM ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WHICH BOMBED LIBYA AND HIJACKED THE EGYPTAIR PLANE.
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2. SUMMARY: IRAQ HAS NOT REPEATED PLO CHARGES THAT THE U.S. CONNIVED WITH ISRAEL TO ASSASSINATE PLO CHIEFTAN KHALIL AL-WAZIR (ABU JIHAD). SADDAM HUSSEIN BLAMED "AGENTS OF ZIONISM" FOR THE ASSASSINATION IN TELEGRAPHED CONDOLENCES TO ARAFAT. END SUMMARY.

3. IRAQ HAS NOT ECHOED CHARGES MADE BY PLO OFFICIALS THAT THE UNITED STATES GAVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO ISRAEL TO ASSASSINATE PLO LEADER ABU JIHAD. SADDAM HUSSEIN, IN A TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE TO YASIR ARAFAT, BLAMED "AGENTS OF ZIONISM" FOR THE KILLING.

4. IRAQI PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE ASSASSINATION AND TO CHARGES THAT ISRAEL WAS BEHIND IT. LOCAL MEDIA QUOTED NBC TELEVISION REPORTS THAT SAID ABU JIHAD WAS KILLED BY THE MOSSAD,

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NAVAL COMMANDOS, AND MEMBERS OF AN ELITE ARMY UNIT IN A COMBINED OPERATION APPROVED BY SHAMIR, PERES, AND RABIN. IRAQ'S VICTORY AT FAO PUSHED ARAFAT'S APRIL 18 REPETITION OF THESE CHARGES OFF THE FRONT PAGES. NOTHING IN THE IRAQI PRESS HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE U.S. OR HINTED AT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HIGHLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE PLO

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AND ALWAYS EAGER TO CASTIGATE "THE ZIONIST ENTITY"
(ESPECIALLY ISRAEL'S RELATION WITH IRAN), IRAQ DOES
NOT WISH TO PROMOTE ITS ARAB CREDENTIALS THROUGH
ANTAGONIZING THE U.S., ESPECIALLY AT THIS JUNCTURE
OF PARALLELISM OF IRAQI-AMERICAN POLITICAL AND
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2. WHILE THE ISRAELI PUBLIC GENERALLY SEEMS TO
ACCEPT THE ASSUMPTION THAT ISRAEL WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION, THE OFFICIAL GOI
POSITION HAS BEEN NONCOMMITTAL.

3. THE GOI HAS ISSUED NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF
RESPONSIBILITY OR UNEQUIVOCAL DENIAL. THE PRIME,
FOREIGN, AND DEFENSE MINISTERS HAVE BEEN CAGEY IN
RESPONDING TO MEDIA INQUIRIES. PM SHAMIR
CHARACTERIZED THE NBC AND TIME MAGAZINE REPORTS OF

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ISRAELI RESPONSIBILITY AS LIES AND NONSENSE. FM
PERES REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT ABU JIHAD,
SAYING HE PREFERRED TO TALK ABOUT THE PEACE
PROCESS. AND DEFMIN RABIN WAS EVEN MORE TERSE THAN
USUAL WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE TIME AND NBC ALLEGATIONS,
SAYING "ASK TIME AND NBC." WITHOUT CONFIRMING GOI
RESPONSIBILITY, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO EZER
WEIZMAN PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION, SAYING
"WHOEVER KILLED ABU JIHAD HARMED ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN

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RELATIONS." HE REFUSED COMMENT ON THE ABC NEWS REPORT THAT THE INNER CABINET HAD OUTVOTED HIM AND FM PERES ON WHETHER TO KILL ABU JIHAD, BUT COMMENTED THAT ISRAEL HAD THUS FAR REFRAINED FROM ATTACKING PLO LEADERS ... "WE HAVE NEVER DONE SO - WHY NOW?" THE OFFICIAL RELUCTANCE TO COMMENT FURTHER HAS ENCOURAGED ISRAELIS TO ASSUME THAT ISRAEL WAS RESPONSIBLE.

4. THROUGHOUT PUBLIC EDITORIAL AND ACADEMIC SPECULATION, THE OPERATING ASSUMPTION IS QUICKLY ADOPTED THAT ISRAEL IS THE MOST LIKELY SUSPECT, WITH MOST MOTIVE AND REASON, TO SEE TO THE DEMISE OF ABU JIHAD. THE MILITARY CENSOR CUT YEDIOT AHARONOT'S LEAD EDITORIAL APRIL 19 WHICH COMPLAINED ABOUT THE IMPOSITION OF TOTAL CENSORSHIP ON ISRAELI PUBLICATIONS WITHOUT ANY COMPARABLE ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN MEDIA REPRESENTED HERE. THE IDF CHIEF CENSOR REPORTEDLY IS CONSIDERING ACTION AGAINST NBC FOR ALLEGEDLY BREAKING CENSORSHIP RULES WITH ITS REPORTS OF ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT IN THE ABU JIHAD KILLING.

5. PUBLIC SATISFACTION IS OFTEN EXPRESSED AT THE

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OUTCOME, REGARDLESS OF THE PERPETRATOR. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF LIKELY PLO REACTION WHETHER THE GOI ACKNOWLEDGES OR DENIES RESPONSIBILITY. WEIZMAN HAD OBSERVED THAT THE PLO VOWED TO RETALIATE IN KIND "IF IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT WE DID IT.

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2. POST CONVENED A MEETING OF THE EAC ON APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS SECURITY SITUATION, IN LIGHT OF NOT ONLY THE GULF NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS BUT ALSO THE KUWAITI HIJACKING AND ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION.
3. POST MADE CONTACT APRIL 19 WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICE AUTHORITIES. IN ADDITION, THE MARINE SECURITY GUARDS, RESIDENTIAL SECURITY GUARDS CONTRACTOR, AND CHANCERY BUILDING SECURITY GUARDS HAVE BEEN PUT ON ALERT.
4. DUE TO THE LOW THREAT LEVEL IN MAURITIUS, POST FEELS
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1. (U) ASSASSINATION OF PLO OFFICIAL: THE FOLLOWING
PRESS GUIDANCE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PLO OFFICIAL ABU
JIHAD WAS READ AT THE NOON BRIEFING APRIL 18:

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE ASSASSINATION THIS
WEEKEND OF KHALIL WAZIR (AKA ABU JIHAD) WHO WAS THE
CHIEF MILITARY PLANNER AND NUMBER TWO MAN TO YASSER
ARAFAT?

A: THE U.S. CONDEMNS THIS ACT OF POLITICAL
ASSASSINATION. VIOLENCE IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF NOR WAS
INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE ASSASSINATION. ANY
SUGGESTION OF THAT SORT IS TOTALLY BASELESS. U.S. LAW

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PROHIBITS ASSASSINATIONS - ASSASSINATIONS ARE TOTALLY
UNACCEPTABLE. THE U.S. DOES NOT PRACTICE SUCH, NOR DO
WE BELIEVE ANYONE ELSE SHOULD.

WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE.

Q: WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS HAVE ON THE PEACE PROCESS?

A: WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON MOVING THE PEACE

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PROCESS FORWARD.

NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE
REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS FOR PEACE.

2. [REDACTED] WE ARE REPEATING STATE 121581 TO YOU FOR YOUR
INFORMATION ONLY. F.Y.I. NEA ADVISES TUNISIA IS
EXPECTED TO REQUEST A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE
INCIDENT AND THE MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

3. (U) KLSE INVITATION TO SEC COMMISSIONER: SEC
ADVISED APRIL 18 THAT CHAIRMAN RUDER WAS FORCED TO
DECLINE KLSE INVITATION; HOWEVER, COMMISSIONER CHARLES
COX ACCEPTS IN HIS STEAD. SEC ASKED FOR A POINT OF
CONTACT IN KL WITH WHOM COX CAN DISCUSS PROGRAM AND
TRAVEL DETAILS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. [REDACTED] BELLER TDY: JOHN DUNCAN ASSURED US A CABLE
PROVIDING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN YOUR O.I. 28 WOULD
GO OUT APRIL 19. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DO NOT
RECEIVE IT PROMPTLY.

5. [REDACTED] MALAYSIAN NATIONAL R & D WORKSHOP: DR.
KRUYTBOSCH TOLD US APRIL 18 THAT HE IS DEFINITELY
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INTERESTED IN ATTENDING R & D WORKSHOP IN KL. HE SAID
HE NEEDS TO HAVE THE LETTER OF INVITATION IN HAND IN
ORDER TO TRY TO ARRANGE HIS MALAYSIA TRIP IN
CONJUNCTION WITH OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO INDIA.

6. [REDACTED] WE SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION WITH LACK OF
SUPPORT FROM OES/SCT. IT TOOK NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS TO
PRODUCE EVEN A BELATED RESPONSE TO YOUR INITIAL MESSAGE
ON THE WORKSHOP. (THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE WAS
SECURED DIRECTLY FROM DR. KRUYTBOSCH.) I WILL
FOLLOW-UP WITH BILL MOODY IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE
SUPPORT. SHULTZ

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1. [REDACTED]
2. IN A STATEMENT MADE AFTER THE APRIL 18 MEETING OF THE SAUDI CABINET CHAIRED BY KING FAHD, INFORMATION MINISTER ALI AL-SHAER SAID THAT THE CABINET EXPRESSED DEEP SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF ABU JIHAD AND STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE "COWARDLY METHOD ADOPTED BY THE CRIMINAL KILLERS IN PERPETRATING THIS HIDEOUS CRIME." HE ADDED THAT THE CABINET REITERATED SAUDI ARABIA'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

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3. PLO CHAIRMAN YASSIR ARAFAT WAS IN BAHRAIN WHEN HE RECEIVED NEWS OF ABU JIHAD'S ASSASSINATION ON APRIL 16. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS HE ARRIVED IN RIYADH, WHERE HE AND HIS DELEGATION WERE RECEIVED BY KING FAHD. ALSO PRESENT AT THE AUDIENCE WERE GOVERNOR OF RIYADH PRINCE SALMAN, ALI AL-SHAER, AND PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO SAUDI ARABIA RAFIQ SHAKIR AL-NATSHA. ON APRIL 17, KING FAHD, CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH, AND SECOND DEPUTY PREMIER AND DEFENSE AND AVIATION MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN SENT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

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TO ARAFAT, WHO HAD RETURNED TO TUNIS, AND TO JIHAD KHALIL AL-WAZIR, SON OF THE SLAIN ABU JIHAD.

4. THE SAUDI PRESS GAVE FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO THE ASSASSINATION, ASSERTING THAT IT WAS CARRIED OUT BY ISRAELI MOSSAD AND ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL. IT ALSO REPORTED ACCUSATIONS OF U.S. COMPLICITY IN THE MATTER. SAUDIS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN, HOWEVER, STRONGLY CONDEMNED WHAT THEY WERE SURE WAS AN ISRAELI ASSASSINATION, BUT GENERALLY DID NOT BELIEVE THE U.S. WAS TO BLAME FOR THIS ACT. HORAN.

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2. FOLLOWING THE VERY VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS
BETWEEN THE IDF AND PALESTINIANS EXPRESSING
SHOCK AND OUTRAGE AT THE MURDER OF ABU JIHAD,
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, THE BROAD REACTION IN
THE WEST BANK TO HIS DEATH HAS SETTLED INTO
A PATTERN OF OBSERVATION OF THE GENERAL
COMMERCIAL AND TRANSPORTATION STRIKE WHICH
BEGAN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17. THE TRADITIONAL
SHOPPING SPREES MADE ON THE FIRST DAY OF

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RAMADAN, WHICH THIS YEAR FELL ON APRIL 17, DID
NOT TAKE PLACE AS MOST WEST BANK RESIDENTS
STAYED IN THEIR HOMES FOLLOWING THE VIOLENT
CLASHES OF SATURDAY. NEARLY EVERY REFUGEE
CAMP IN EAST JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK
WAS PUT UNDER CURFEW, AS WERE THE TOWNS OF
NABLUS AND JENIN, BOTH OF WHICH REMAIN UNDER
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3. IN RESPONSE TO THE INCIDENT AND THE WEST BANK REACTION TO IT, THE CONSULATE GENERAL DECIDED TO POSTPONE BRIEFINGS TO BE GIVEN TO PALESTINIANS BY WAT CLUVERIUS, AS WELL AS SOME INTRODUCTORY CALLS ON WEST BANK MAYORS AND A DINNER IN HONOR OF NEWLY ARRIVED CONSUL GENERAL WILCOX. OUR PALESTINIAN CONTACTS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THESE POSTPONEMENTS, STATING THAT THEY WOULD FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE UNDERTAKING SUCH ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF OFFICIAL MOURNING, THAT CURFEWS ROADBLOCKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS MADE TRAVELLING COMPLICATED AND THAT IN THE INFLAMED ATMOSPHERE AT PRESENT, IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO BE SEEN WELCOMING USG OFFICIALS. ALL OUR CONTACTS, HOWEVER, SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN PLEASED TO ATTEND THESE FUNCTIONS NEXT WEEK WHEN THE SITUATION PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE SOMEWHAT CALMED.

4. DUE TO THE STRIKES AND TO THE TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES, MOST OF OUR CONTACTS HAVE BEEN LYING LOW. FROM THE FEW WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN, HOWEVER, WE GATHER THAT MODERATE PRO-JORDANIAN AND PRO-PLO WEST BANKERS WILL

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BE REFRAINING FROM MAKING STATEMENTS OF RECONCILIATION OR WILLINGNESS TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ISRAEL FOR THE TIME BEING AND WILL AVOID HIGH-PROFILE CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. AL-FAJR EDITOR HANNA SINIORA SAID THAT HE WOULD BE CANCELLING SOME OF HIS SCHEDULED APPEARANCES WITH ISRAELI GROUPS, AND BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ SAID HE DECIDED NOT TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES LATER THIS WEEK TO ATTEND A WASHINGTON INSTITUTE SEMINAR AND HAD TOLD THE ORGANIZERS AT THE FRED HANSEN INSTITUTE THAT HE WOULD NOT ATTEND THEIR SYMPOSIUM IN SAN DIEGO MAY 2.

5. IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO SORT OUT ALL THE FEELINGS ON THE WEST BANK AND SEE HOW THE LOCAL POPULATION REACTS TO THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. THE MESSAGE THAT ISRAEL HAS BEEN CONVEYING INSIDE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THAT IT WILL DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO QUELL THE UPRISING, HAS NOW BEEN STRONGLY REINFORCED BY THE PERCEPTION THAT ISRAEL IS WILLING TO ACT OUTSIDE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS WELL. THE COMMON PALESTINIAN SENTIMENT IS

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OUTRAGE AND BITTERNESS TOWARDS ISRAEL,
WHOM ALL ASSUME CARRIED OUT THE DEED. SO FAR
THIS HAS NOT SEEMED TO TRANSLATE INTO BITTER-
NESS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND WE HAVE
NEITHER SEEN NOR HEARD CHARGES OF U.S. COM-

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PLICITY. THE STATEMENT MADE AT THE NOON
BRIEFING ON APRIL 18 CONDEMNING THE ASSASSI-
NATION OF ABU JIHAD WAS RUN ON THE FRONT PAGE
OF THE LARGEST CIRCULATION ARABIC DAILY PAPER

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 SUBJECT: TWO GAZANS KILLED; WEST BANK SEALED OFF

1. (U) SUMMARY: TWO GAZANS WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST TWO WOUNDED (TEL AVIV WILL REPORT SEPTTEL) AS A GENERAL STRIKE WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE IDF SEALED OFF MOST OF THE WEST BANK TO JOURNALISTS AND NON-RESIDENTS IN THE WAKE OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PLO MILITARY COMMANDER ABU JIHAD (KHALIL AL-WAZIR). ISRAELI CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A PROMISED RESIGNATION BY NABLUS MAYOR HAFEZ TOUQAN WOULD PLACE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON OTHER WEST BANK MAYORS TO RESIGN (DETAILS SEPTTEL). SIX PALESTINIANS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BEITA NEAR NABLUS WHO WERE ISSUED DEPORTATION ORDERS LAST WEEK HAVE WITHDRWN THEIR APPEALS TO THE MILITARY APPEALS COMMITTEE, CLEARING THE WAY FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPORTATION. END SUMMARY.

TWO GAZANS KILLED; WEST BANK CLOSED OFF
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2. (U) TWO GAZANS WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST TWO WOUNDED ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, AS A COMPREHENSIVE STRIKE ENTERED ITS SECOND SCHEDULED DAY THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. CURFEWS WERE IN PLACE

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IN ALL WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS EXCEPT THE AQABAT JABR AND THE EIN SULTAN REFUGEE CAMPS NEAR JERICHO. CHECKPOINTS BEGINNING AT A-RAM, JUST OUTSIDE THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JERUSALEM, PREVENTED ALL BUT WEST BANK RESIDENTS FROM ENTERING THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE WEST BANK. IN THE CITY OF NABLUS ALL STREETS WERE EMPTY AND THE IDF REPORTED NO ENCOUNTERS WITH PALESTINIANS AS THE CITY BEGAN YET ANOTHER CURFEW IN THE COURSE OF THE UPRISING. SHOPS WERE CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK ON THE SECOND DAY OF MOURNING AND STRIKE CALLED FOR IN PROTEST OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PLO MILITARY COMMANDER AND FATAH SECOND-IN-COMMAND ABU JIHAD (KHALIL AL-WAZIR).

NABLUS MAYOR'S RESIGNATION COULD SPILL THE DOMINOES
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3. (U) A PROMISED RESIGNATION BY APPOINTED NABLUS MAYOR HAFEZ TOUQAN DUE TO CALLS FROM THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL UPRISING RAISED CONCERNS AMONG CIVAD OFFICIALS THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE MAY NOW BE PLACED UPON OTHER WEST BANK MAYORS TO RESIGN. TOUQAN HAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED
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THE CIVAD OF HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN, BUT HAS NOT DELIVERED AN OFFICIAL RESIGNATION LETTER. MAYOR FREIJ OF BETHLEHEM TOLD CONGEN HE DEEPLY REGRETTED TOUQAN'S INTENTION TO RESIGN.

SIX DEPORTEES WITHDRAW APPEAL
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4. (U) SIX PALESTINIANS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BEITA, NEAR NABLUS, WHO WERE SERVED WITH DEPORTATION ORDERS LAST WEEK, WITHDREW THEIR APPEALS TO THE MILITARY APPEALS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY, APRIL 18. ATTORNEYS FOR THE PALESTINIANS, WHO WERE CHARGED WITH ATTACKING A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TWO ARMED ESCORTS FROM THE ELON MOREH SETTLEMENT, SAID THEIR CLIENTS DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY THE DEPORTATION ORDERS WOULD BE OVERTURNED AND DID NOT WANT TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF LEGITIMIZING THE ORDERS VIA AN UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL. THE WITHDRAWALS CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE DEPORTEES TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AT ANY TIME. ALL ARABIC PAPERS RAN FRONT-PAGE STORIES ON THE U.S. VETO OF A UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON THE DEPORTATIONS, AND PRO-JORDANIAN AN-NAHAR

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HIGHLIGHTS

- US FORCES ATTACK TWO IRANIAN OIL RIGS AND THREE FRIGATES IN THE GULF.
- MORE COMMENTS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD.
- CRITICISM OF US BIAS TOWARDS ISRAEL.
- A SOVIET DELEGATION ARRIVES IN CAIRO.
- EGYPTIAN EXPATRIATES IN THE US FINANCE TOURIST PROJECTS.
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- OPPOSITION WRITERS BLAME TUNISIAN AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE SECURE BASES FOR THE PLO.

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1. US ATTACK ON IRANIAN OIL RIGS. THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL PAPERS REPORTS US FORCES ATTACKED TWO IRANIAN OIL RIGS IN THE GULF, USED AS RADAR STATIONS BY THE IRANIAN MILITARY, IN REPRISAL FOR IRAN'S RECENT RESUMPTION OF MINING INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND FOR THE MINE ATTACK LAST WEEK ON A US FRIGATE. THE US FORCES ALSO ATTACKED THREE IRANIAN WARSHIPS IN RETALIATION FOR IRAN'S ATTACK ON AN OIL FIELD IN UAE RUN BY AMERICANS. REPORTEDLY, US ARMY OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING DEALING ANOTHER BLOW AT IRANIAN TARGETS IN THE GULF. IN THE SAME ITEM, ALL PAPERS REPORT IRAQ HAS LIBERATED AND REGAINED THE FAW PENINSULA. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID EXPRESSED EGYPT'S REGRET AT IRAN'S RECENT ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE, ADDING THAT "WE UNDERSTAND THE US REACTION AND ATTACK ON THE IRANIAN OIL PLATFORMS AND WE URGE IRAN TO STOP THE POLICY OF PROVOCATION." ON IRAQI LIBERATION OF FAW, ABDEL MEGUID SAID THE PENINSULA

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IS PART OF IRAQI TERRITORIES AND IRAQ'S DUTY IS TO
LIBERATE ITS TERRITORIES EVEN BY FORCE. MUBARAK
TELEPHONED PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON
LIBERATING FAW.

2. ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. ALL PAPERS REPORT
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ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD AND ADDED THAT NOTHING WOULD STOP THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE. ABDEL MEGUID POINTED OUT THAT THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION WOULD ONLY LEAD TO NEGATIVE RESULTS, NOTING THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESISTANCE AND TERRORISM. MFA FIRST UNDERSECRETARY OSAMA AL-BAZ STATED UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE US THAT THE OPERATION WOULD NOT STOP THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING AS ISRAEL MAY HAVE IMAGINED. UNDER A HEADLINE THAT READS "THE JEWS ARE CHASTISING THE WORLD", AKHBAR ASSERTS THAT AFTER THE JEWS BECAME GATHERED IN ISRAEL THEY BEGAN TAKING REVENGE ON THE WORLD. THE SHORT ARTICLE REFERS TO ISRAELI KILLING OF MORE THAN 20 PALESTINIANS THIS WEEK, ASSASSINATING ABU JIHAD, AND CONVICTING "THE GERMAN" DEMANJUK FOR TORTURING JEWS IN THE DAYS OF THE NAZIS. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AHAM WRITES THAT THE

ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD BY THE MOSSAD DOES NOT AND WILL NOT ACHIEVE ANY AIMS, AND ON THE CONTRARY WILL LEAD TO WORSE CONSEQUENCES. AKHBAR'S DAILY COLUMNIST ABDEL SALAM DAWOUD CONDEMNS ISRAELI HOOLIGANISM BUT AT THE SAME TIME CRITICIZES THE DIVISION OF THE ARABS WHO HAD NO REACTION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. GUMHOURIYYA'S EDITOR IN CHIEF MOHSEN MOHAMMAD WRITES THAT IT IS STRANGE THAT THE US, WHICH ALWAYS ANNOUNCES REJECTION OF TERRORISM, DID NOT DECLARE INTERNATIONALLY ITS CONDEMNATION OR EVEN REJECTION OF THE CRIMINAL OPERATIONS AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS. ISRAEL WANTS TO PROVE THAT IT IS THE SOLE PROTECTOR AND SUPPORTER OF US INTERESTS AND "PURPOSES" IN THE REGION, THEREBY CONVINCING THE US CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR PRESIDENCY THAT THEY SHOULD SUPPORT THE STRONGER PARTY, ISRAEL, AND NOT THE WEAKER PARTY, THE ARABS WHO CAN BE KILLED IN THEIR HOMES NO MATTER HOW FAR THEY ARE FROM

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ISRAEL. THE WRITER CONCLUDES BY CALLING UPON THE PLO TO EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT AND BE PATIENT.

WEEKLY PERIODICAL SABAH EL-KHEIR WRITES THAT THE HIJACKING OF THE IRANIAN PLANE AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD ARE PART OF A WIDE-SCALE CONSPIRACY BY ISRAEL AND IRAN TO SQUEEZE THE ARAB NATION WITH THE AIM OF ABORTING THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING; DEALING A BLOW AT NATIONALISM AMONG THE ARAB COUNTRIES; SEPARATING THE ARAB COUNTRIES FROM EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS TIES AMONG THEM AND PUSH THEM TO A CIVIL WARS; AND REPRESENTING THE ARABS BEFORE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AS BACKWARD PEOPLES AND TERRORISTS.

3. EGYPT/US. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AKHBAR REFERS TO ISRAEL'S RECENT THREAT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND ATTACKS US BLIND BIAS TOWARDS ISRAEL, AND THE STAND ADOPTED BY THE "AGENTS OF ISRAEL AND ZIONISM IN THE CONGRESS", WHICH IS CONSIDERED A PROVOCATION DIRECTED AT THE WHOLE ARAB NATION. THE EDITORIAL CRITICIZES THE CONGRESS WHICH ALWAYS APPROVES OF ISRAELI POLICY AND WHICH HAS NOT SAID A SINGLE WORD ABOUT ISRAELI POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS AND REFUSAL OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION.

4. AID FROM THE US. AKHBAR REPORTS THREE ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS WILL BE SIGNED WITH THE US, WHEREBY EGYPT WILL GET 70 MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING PROJECTS, AND TO DEVELOP TAXATION MACHINERY.

5. SOVIET DELEGATION IN CAIRO. AHAM REPORTS A SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EGYPT DEPARTMENT AT

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THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE
 MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA DEPARTMENT ARRIVED IN CAIRO
 FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT. THE DELEGATION WILL HOLD TALKS WITH
 THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO.

6. DEBT RESCHEDULING TALKS FINISHED. AHAM REPORTS THE
 EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FINISHED TALKS WITH ALL CREDITOR
 STATES, EXCEPT JAPAN, ON RESCHEDULING ITS DEBTS.
 NEGOTIATIONS ON EGYPT'S DEBT
 S TO JAPAN WILL BE HELD IN
 MAY. AHAM ADDS THAT A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
 IMF WILL START IN MAY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING
 EGYPT THE SECOND PART, I.E. 135 MILLION DOLLARS, OF THE

150 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN PROVIDED LAST MAY.

7. ON THE TABA ISSUE. ALL PAPERS QUOTE ABDEL MEGUID AS AFFIRMING THAT THE VERDICT IN THE TABA CASE WILL BE IN EGYPT'S FAVOR BECAUSE OF THE UNTENABLE DOCUMENTS THAT ISRAEL HAD SUBMITTED.

8. EGYPT/TUNISIA. ALL PAPERS REPORT A STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED ON THE RESULTS OF THE EGYPTIAN-TUNISIAN TALKS. VISITING TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER AL-BACCOUSH STATED THAT EGYPT'S MILITARY PRODUCTION COULD ENABLE EGYPT TO DEFEND THE ARABS' RIGHTS, PROTECT THEIR TERRITORIES, AND CONSOLIDATE THEIR INDUSTRIES.

9. WHEAT FROM SPAIN. AHAM REPORTS AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WHEREBY EGYPT WILL GET 5000 TONS OF WHEAT FROM SPAIN.

10. SHIPPING. AHAM REPORTS MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MARITIME TRANSPORT SOLIMAN METWALLI
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ANNOUNCED THAT THE ARAB BRIDGE NAVIGATION COMPANY, A JOINT EGYPTIAN-JORDANIAN-IRAQI ENTERPRISE WHICH NOW RUNS THE NUWEIBA-AQABA FERRY, WILL ALSO ENGAGE IN CARGO SHIPPING OPERATIONS.

11. EGYPT/SAUDI ARABIA. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT DURING TALKS IN CAIRO, THE VISITING SAUDI FINANCE MINISTER HAS BROACHED A SAUDI PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SAUDI-EGYPTIAN COMPANY FOR JOINT INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE PLANS TO REACTIVATE PREVIOUS LOAN AGREEMENTS.

DOMESTIC NEWS

12. TOURIST PROJECTS. AHAM REPORTS TOURISM MINISTER FOAD SULTAN STATED UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE US THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH EGYPTIANS LIVING THERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 5 TOURIST PROJECTS IN THE RED SEA, SINAI, AND NORTHERN COAST AREAS.

13. NEW PETROLEUM STRATEGY. AHAM REPORTS THE PETROLEUM SECTOR WILL DRAW UP A NEW STRATEGY AIMED AT INCREASING QUANTITIES OF NATURAL GAS AND DOUBLING THE CRUDE OIL RESERVE, MAINTAINING THE DAILY OUTPUT OF PETROLEUM AT 870,000 BARRELS PER DAY. AHAM NOTES THAT EGYPT CONSUMES ABOUT HALF OF ITS OIL OUTPUT AT A RATE OF 400,000 BARRELS PER DAY.

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14. EGYPT EXPORTS COKE TO US. GUMHOURIYYA REPORTS THAT THE BOARD CHAIRMAN OF AL-NASR COMPANY FOR COKE AND BASIC CHEMICALS SAID THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HIS COMPANY WOULD

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SHIP 17000 TONS OF COKE TO THE US AT A VALUE OF DOLLARS
1.6 MILLION.

15. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE FOR APRIL 19 IS PT 225.0 FOR
BUYING AND PT 225.6 FOR SELLING.

OPPOSITION NEWS

16. AMBASSADOR WISNER REACTIVATES NORMALIZATION.
AL-SHAAB REPORTS AMBASSADOR WISNER HELD SEVERAL CONTACTS
WITH SENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WITH THE AIM OF
REACTIVATING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. HE
PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS IN

THE FIELDS OF TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE, AS A MEANS OF
EASING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

17. RESERVATION TOWARDS A SOVIET OFFER. AL-WAFD REPORTS
EGYPTIAN EXPERTS SHOWED RESERVATIONS TOWARDS A SOVIET
OFFER TO FINANCE A POWER PLANT IN EIYOUN MUSA IN SINAI.
THE EXPERTS CALLED FOR RECONSIDERING THE FINANCIAL AND
TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE OFFER.

18. TAXATION AGREEMENT. AL-WAFD REPORTS EGYPT AND THE US
ARE SCHEDULED APRIL 21 TO SIGN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO
PREVENT DOUBLE TAXATION.

19. ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. AL-SHAAB'S
EDITOR IN CHIEF OF ADEL HUSSEIN WRITES THAT HE VISITED ABU
JIHAD TWO WEEKS AGO AND NOTICED THAT SECURITY AROUND HIS
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HOUSE IN SIDI BOU SAID WAS VERY MINIMAL AND THAT WHEN HE
(ADEL HUSSEIN) TOLD ABU JIHAD ABOUT THAT THE LATTER SAID
TO HIM THAT THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAD PREVENTED HIM FROM
HAVING ENOUGH GUARDS TO PROTECT HIM ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT

IS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY THAT IS CAPABLE OF PROTECTING ITS GUESTS. HUSSEIN GOES ON TO ACCUSE TUNISIA FOR NOT PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR ABU JIHAD AND HELPING HIM HAVE A STABLE FOUNDATION FROM WHICH HE CAN RUN HIS CONTACTS AND OPERATIONS.

ADEL HUSSEIN NOTES THAT NONE OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES HAS ACCEPTED TO PUT UP ABU JIHAD AND THAT IS WHY THEY ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ASSASSINATION. THE EDITOR FURTHER ACCUSES EGYPT, A COUNTRY THAT HAS WEIGHT ON THE ARAB AND ISLAMIC SCENE, OF FAILING TO PROTECT THE ARABS AND CONFINING ITS ROLE TO HOPING THAT SHULTZ WOULD COME BACK TO THE REGION, THAT THE DEBTS WOULD BE RESCHEDULED, AND THAT WHEAT SUPPLIES WOULD CONTINUE. "WHERE WERE YOU, OH MEN OF THE REGIME? YOU KILLED ABU JIHAD WHEN YOU FAILED TO OFFER HIM ASSISTANCE AND REFUGE. YOU WILL KILL ALL THE ARABS IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE SO WEAK BEFORE THE ZIONISTS AND THEIR ALLIES, THE AMERICANS."

AL-WAFD'S WRITER IBRAHIM YOUNIS COMMENTS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD, NOTING THAT TUNISIA IS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY, INCLUDING EGYPT, THAT IS NO

LONGER SAFE OR SECURE. BECAUSE OF SADAT AND HIS AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, THE CIA AND THE MOSSAD HAVE LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT EGYPT, AND THE EGYPTIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE BECOME CONCERNED MORE WITH CHASING PATRIOTIC EGYPTIANS AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES THAN WITH

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HOUNDING FOREIGN AGENTS. ARAB SOCIETY HAS BECOME
INSECURE; ARAFAT FEELS SECURE ONLY IN IRAQ WHERE, AS A
RESULT OF WAR CIRCUMSTANCES, SECURITY IS VERY STRONG AND
PALESTINIAN MEN ARE WELL PROTECTED. EGYPT SHOULD
INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD, AND THE MOSSAD
AND CIA MEN SHOULD BE HOUNDED BY THE ARABS THE SAME WAY
THE ARABS ARE HOUNDED BY ISRAEL AND THE CIA UNDER ANY
FLIMSY PRETEXTS.
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SUBJECT: EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION:
- NO MENTION OF DAMASCUS FUNERAL

1. [REDACTED]

2. WHILE SYRIAN MEDIA HAS GIVEN PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO THE MURDER OF ABU JIHAD, THE ONLY REFERENCE TO HIS EXPECTED BURIAL IN SYRIA TOMORROW IS A REPORT MENTIONING THE TUNISIAN DELEGATION WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THE BODY TO DAMASCUS. THE MEDIA HAS REPEATED VARIOUS PRESS AGENCY REPORTS OF ISRAELI RESPONSIBILITY AND QUOTED PALESTINIAN SOURCES AS SAYING THAT THE U.S. COLLABORATED WITH THE MOSSAD (SEPTEL).

3. COMMENT: ASAD'S REPORTED COMMENTS THAT ANYONE MAY COME FOR THE FUNERAL OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF
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FURTHER SYRIAN/PLO RECONCILIATION TALKS -- DESPITE THE BITTER MEMORIES OF THE CAMP WARS. WHETHER THESE DISCUSSIONS HAPPEN OR NOT, THE SYRIANS STAND TO REAP SOME ARAB AND PALESTINIAN GOODWILL AND TO PLACE DAMASCUS AT THE CENTER OF ARAB WORLD ATTENTION -- IF ONLY BRIEFLY. THERE WILL ALSO BE MASSIVE SECURITY EFFORTS TO PROTECT VISITORS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES -- AND TO PREVENT ISOLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OTHER TARGETS.

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1. [REDACTED]
2. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES MISSION RESPONSES TO ACTIONS REQUESTED PARA 6, REFTEL:

(A) AMBASSADOR CONVENED THE POST'S EAC ON MORNING APRIL 17 (SUNDAY IS A REGULAR POST WORKDAY BECAUSE THIS IS AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC) IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBLE LOCAL IMPACT OF THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION IN TUNISIA ON THE SAFETY OF POST PERSONNEL AND PRIVATE AMCITS. AT THAT MEETING WE DECIDED TO ALERT ALL AMCIT PERSONNEL TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AND MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE UNTIL WE COULD ASCERTAIN LOCAL REACTIONS.

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THUS, WE WERE ALREADY IN A CAUTIONARY STANCE WHEN POST RECEIVED REFTEL.

(B) USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN ALERTED.

(C) POST WARDEN PLAN WAS REVISED AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS ON APRIL 7, ONLY ELEVEN DAYS AGO. WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP WHERE IT MAY BE USEFUL, MAINLY WITH PRIVATE AMCITS.

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(D) WE REVIEWED OUR GENERAL DEFENSIVE STATUS AT THE EAC MEETING, AND THE PSO AND MSG ARE ON ALERT STATUS.

(E) WE ARE CONTACTING AN APPROPRIATE GIRM SECURITY OFFICIAL ABOUT OUR NEW GULF-RELATED CONCERNS.

(F) OUR LOCAL GUARDS ARE ON ALERT.

(G) WE HAVE ADOPTED LOWER PROFILE. ONE SOCIAL EVENT PLANNED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THE AMERICAN CLUB IS CLOSED TODAY AND TOMORROW AS USUAL, AND WE WILL EVALUATE WHETHER IT SHOULD OPEN THEREAFTER ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

(H) POST HAS NO USIS MISSION AND WE ARE REVIEWING POSSIBLE SHORT-TERM MODIFICATIONS OF OUR CONSULAR OPERATION.

(I) WE HAVE REVIEWED OUR CLASSIFIED HOLDINGS AND DO NOT BELIEVE ANY REDUCTIONS ARE NEEDED AS MATTERS NOW STAND.

(J) CONSOFF IS ALERTING PRIVATE AMCITS ABOUT THE

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THREAT.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, THE AMBASSADOR HAS MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH MIDDLE EAST AND GULF AFFAIRS TO BRIEF HIM ON OUR RECENT ACTIONS AGAINST IRAN, TO DENY ANY USG ENCOURAGEMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE ALLEGED ISRAELI ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD, AND TO SEEK HIS READOUT OF THE GIRM REACTION TO THESE EVENTS. ON APRIL 18 THE DCM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL BRIEFLY TO STATE THE USG POSITION ON THESE TWO EVENTS, AND GOT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE. THAT WAS THAT WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE GIRM WELCOMES THE USG ACTION IN THE GULF AGAINST IRAN, AND HOPES THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ NEXT WEEK CAN CONVINCE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO ENFORCE UNSC RESOLUTION 598. OUR INTERLOCUTOR ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF ALL AMERICA'S ARAB FRIENDS, WHICH HE SAID INCLUDES MAURITANIA, THAT THE USG CAN CONVINCE ISRAEL TO MODERATE ITS CONDUCT. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, CRITICIZE THE USG FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS WITH ISRAELI ACTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OR THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD.

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1. (U) SUMMARY: IN APPARENT REACTION TO THE
SATURDAY ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD IN TUNIS,
PALESTINIANS DEMONSTRATED THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES OVER THE WEEKEND. BLACK BANNERS AND
PALESTINIAN FLAGS WERE FLOWN FROM BUILDINGS
THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AS KORANIC
VERSES WERE READ OVER LOUDSPEAKERS FROM MOSQUES.
APRIL 16 CLASHES WITH IDF SOLDIERS LEFT AT LEAST
THIRTEEN PALESTINIANS DEAD AND HUNDREDS WOUNDED,
THE LARGEST DEATH TOLL IN A SINGLE DAY SINCE THE

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UPRISING BEGAN. ON APRIL 17 ONE WEST BANKER AND
TWO GAZANS WERE KILLED. FOUR OTHER WEST BANKERS
DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED ON SATURDAY. IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION ON SATURDAY,
MOSLEM AND NATIONALIST LEADERS CALLED FOR THREE
DAYS OF STRIKE AND MOURNING SCHEDULED TO END ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 19. WEST BANKERS BLAME ISRAEL FOR
THE ASSASSINATION AND MANY ISRAELIS ADMITTED THAT
THE OPERATION BORE THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE

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MOSSAD. END SUMMARY.

NINE WEST BANKERS, TWELVE GAZANS KILLED
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2. (U) ON APRIL 16, PALESTINIANS REACTED TO NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF FATAH MILITARY COMMANDER ABU JIHAD (KHALIL AL-WAZIR) BY LAUNCHING VIOLENT PROTESTS THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IDF SOURCES SAID THAT SEVEN PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED IN GAZA (TEL AVIV WILL REPORT SEPTTEL) AND SIX WERE KILLED IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE WEST BANK. APPROXIMATELY 300 WERE REPORTEDLY WOUNDED IN CLASHES, SOME SERIOUSLY, SUGGESTING THAT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS THERE MAY BE MORE DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SATURDAY'S VIOLENCE. IDF SOURCES SAID THAT MOST OF THE DEATHS WERE THE RESULT OF AN UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN. IDF FORCES ARE UNDER ORDERS TO SHOOT ANYONE THROWING A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL. ON APRIL 17 ONE WEST BANKER WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHERS DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED ON SATURDAY. PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND BLACK BANNERS WERE REPORTEDLY IN EVIDENCE IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK. WEST

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BANK INCIDENTS INCLUDE:

-- ON APRIL 16 IN JENIN SA'ADA KARAWI, 40, WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD AND KILLED DURING A CLASH WITH IDF TROOPS BASSAM AL-HARIRI, 25, AND HILMI IBRAHIM ABDALLAH, 23, WERE SHOT AND KILLED DURING THE CLASHES.

-- ON APRIL 17 ZAID TAWFIQ SULEIMAN AMARNEH, 13, OF YAABAD, NEAR JENIN DIED IN JENIN HOSPITAL OF WOUNDS RECEIVED ON SATURDAY.

-- APRIL 16 IN QABATIYA, NEAR JENIN, MUHYI IKMEL, 20, WAS SHOT AND KILLED AND FIFTEEN OTHERS WERE WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH SOLDIERS.

-- IN THE VILLAGE OF HABLE, NEAR QALQILYA, HALA AWAD AMIRI, 20 AND MOTHER OF THREE, WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD AND KILLED BY IDF TROOPS. A NINE YEAR OLD BOY, YUSUF SHAHWAN, WAS ALSO SHOT IN THE HEAD AND LISTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT THE MEIR HOSPITAL IN KPAR SAVA. CLASHES AND A PROTEST MARCH WERE REPORTED IN NEARBY QALQILYA AS WELL. IN SILWAD, NEAR RAMALLAH, MAHER HATABI, 17, WAS SHOT AND KILLED DURING CLASHES WITH SOLDIERS.

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ACCORDING TO PALESTINIAN SOURCES. THE IDF COULD NOT CONFIRM THE REPORT.

-- ON APRIL 16 IN MAZRA A-SHARKIYA, NORTH OF RAMALLAH, THE IDF REPORTED FOUR PALESTINIANS WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE.

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-- ON APRIL 16 IN TEQUA, NEAR BETHLEHEM, THE IDF REPORTED ONE PALESTINIAN WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH TROOPS. ON APRIL 17 AHMAD SAADEH, 40, WAS SHOT

AND KILLED BY IDF TROOPS IN OBEIDIEH, NEAR BETHLEHEM. THREE OTHERS WERE WOUNDED DURING THE CLASHES. DURING DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE AIDA REFUGEE CAMP FOUR YOUTHS WERE WOUNDED AS SOLDIERS SHOT INTO A CROWD ATTEMPT TO DISPERSE THE PROTESTORS.

-- IN NABLUS DOZENS OF MARCHES AND MOCK FUNERALS WERE REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY. ONE PALESTINIAN WAS INJURED IN THE OLD CITY OF NABLUS

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DURING CONFRONTATIONS WITH IDF TROOPS. CONTACTS IN NABLUS TOLD POLOFF ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17, THAT GUNFIRE COULD BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THAT THE DEATH TOLL OF NABLUS AREA RESIDENTS WAS BELIEVED TO BE TEN. NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. THE CITY WAS PLACED UNDER CURFEW ON SUNDAY.

-- CURFEWS WERE IN PLACE IN THE EIN BEIT ILMA, ASKAR, BALATA, AND ANABTA REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE NABLUS AREA. THE CITY OF JENIN AND THE JENIN REFUGEE CAMP WERE REPORTEDLY ALSO UNDER CURFEW. HABLE, NEAR QALQILYA, WAS ALSO PLACED UNDER CURFEW.

-- ON APRIL 17, THE FIRST DAY OF THE THREE-DAY MOURNING PERIOD AND GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BLACK FLAGS WERE FLOWN FROM PRIVATE HOMES. THE IDF CLOSED OFF MOST OF THE WEST BANK TO THE MEDIA. ABOUT 450,000 PALESTINIANS IN 15 REFUGEE CAMPS AND THREE TOWNS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP REMAINED UNDER CURFEW. IDF CHECKPOINTS WERE SET UP ALONG HIGHWAYS AND AT ENTRANCES TO VILLAGES AND TOWNS. JOURNALISTS WERE TURNED AWAY AND MOVEMENT BY PALESTINIANS WAS RESTRICTED. JEWISH SETTLERS WERE ALLOWED UNRESTRICTED PASSAGE. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE RAMADAN FAST, WHICH BEGAN APRIL 17, DEMONSTRATIONS ERUPTED IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS:

THREE DAYS OF STRIKES AND MOURNING ANNOUNCED
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3. (U) AS KORANIC VERSES WERE BROADCAST FROM

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LOUDSPEAKERS IN MOSQUES THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK, ISLAMIC AND NATIONALIST LEADERS PUNCTUATED THE RELIGIOUS VERSES BY CALLING FOR THREE DAYS OF STRIKES AND MOURNING BEGINNING SUNDAY, APRIL 17.

WEST BANKERS BLAME ISRAEL FOR ASSASSINATION

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4 (U) AL-FAJR EDITOR, HANNA SINIORA, BLAMED ISRAEL FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD CONTENDING THAT THE KILLING WAS "AN EXACT REPLIC" OF THE 1973 KILLING OF THREE PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN BEIRUT, ACCORDING TO REMARKS PUBLISHED IN THE JERUSALEM POST ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17. HE SAID THAT ISRAEL'S ACTIONS WILL ONLY SERVE TO FURTHER SILENCE THE VOICE OF MODERATE PALESTINIANS SEEKING TO FACILITATE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. DEPOSED HEBRON MAYOR MUSTAFA AN-NAATCHE CHARGED THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS A DELIBERATE EFFORT BY ISRAEL TO "THWART THE CURRENT PEACE INITIATIVE" AND TO WIN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT AMONG ISRAELIS.

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5. [REDACTED] AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, THE HIGH FLASHPOINT OF THE LOCAL POPULATION MADE IT LIABLE TO OUTBREAKS OF SEVERE VIOLENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF A PROVOCATIVE INCIDENCE. HAD ABU JIHAD'S DEATH OCCURRED SIX MONTHS AGO, NOWHERE NEAR THIS AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE WOULD HAVE ENSUED. THE PALESTINIANS, WHO SHOWED SIGNS OF WEARINESS DURING THE PAST TWO

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WEEKS, HAVE RECEIVED A DOSE OF VIGOR AND MAY
KEEP UP THE OFFENSIVE FOR A WHILE.
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JIHAD ASSASSINATION

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1. (U) QATAR'S SEMI-OFFICIAL ARABIC DAILY "ARRAYAH"
CARRIES REPORT IN SUBHEAD OF LEAD STORY FOR MONDAY,
APRIL 18, 1988, THAT THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET WAS INVOLVED IN
THE ABU JIHAD ASSASSINATION.

2. (U) REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO UNNAMED PALESTINIAN

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AND ARAB SOURCES IN TUNIS, CLAIMS THAT THE U.S. WAS
INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD, ADDING THAT
A SIXTH FLEET WARSHIP WAITED TO TAKE THE KILLERS FROM THE
TUNISIAN PORT OF ROWAD WHERE THEY WERE FLOWN TO AN
ITALIAN AIRPORT, SITE OF A JOINT ISRAELI-AMERICAN COMMAND
MONITORING THE INCIDENT.

3. AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR, PAO CONTACTED "ARRAYAH"
REPORTER SAIEH ZEITOUN, UNDER WHOSE BYLINE STORY APPEARED,

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TO EXPRESS DISPLEASURE WITH SUCH PATENTLY IRRESPONSIBLE
JOURNALISM. PAO IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT "ARRAYAH"
CHIEF EDITOR TO DELIVER SIMILAR MESSAGE.
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JIHAD

1. SUMMARY. EGYPT CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION OF
ABU JIHAD IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED APRIL 16, AND
PRESIDENT MUBARAK HAS SENT A CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM TO
YASSER ARAFAT. EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL COMMENTS HAVE AVOIDED
ANY REFERENCE TO THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSINS, BUT THE
GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS HAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCUSED ISRAEL.
THE DAILY AL-AKHBAR APRIL 18 REPORTED ARAFAT'S
ACCUSATIONS OF A U.S. "GREEN LIGHT" FOR THE
ASSASSINATION WITHOUT COMMENT. THE NORMALLY
PRO-WESTERN EDITOR OF THE OPPOSITION AL-WAFD HAS RAISED

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THE RHETORICAL TEMPERATURE IN AN APRIL 18 COLUMN
DEMANDING THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO
EXPRESS ITS "RAGE" OVER THE INCIDENT. WE EXPECT THAT
ACCUSATIONS OF U.S. COMPLICITY IN ABU JIHAD'S DEATH
WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MUCH OF THE PUBLIC AND ARE LIKELY
TO HAVE MORE OF AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR SECURITY THAN
TODAY'S MILITARY OPERATION IN THE GULF. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION NEWS APRIL 16 AND

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17 WERE DOMINATED BY THE REPORTS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PLO MILITARY OPERATIONS CHIEF ABU JIHAD IN TUNIS. MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUTROS GHALI STATED EGYPT'S STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE OPERATION, ADDING THAT EGYPT EXPRESSES ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE PLO FOR THE SAKE OF "REGAINING THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT MUBARAK SENT A CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM TO ARAFAT, IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED HIS SORROW AT THE "PAINFUL NEWS." EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE IDENTITY OF THE ATTACKERS, WHOM MUBARAK DESCRIBED AS "IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS ALIENATED FROM ALL SPIRITUAL VALUES, PRINCIPLES, AND EXAMPLES."

3. (U) BOTH THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS AND THE OPPOSITION PAPERS AL-WAFD AND SAWT AL-ARAB APRIL 17 IDENTIFIED ABU JIHAD'S ASSASSINS AS ISRAELIS. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL AL-AHRAM APRIL 18 REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON THE NBC NEWS REPORT WHICH CLAIMED THAT THE MOSSAD HAD CARRIED OUT THE OPERATION ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF SHAMIR, PERES, AND RABIN AFTER A MEETING OF THE ISRAELI INNER CABINET. AL-AKHBAR ALSO REPORTED ARAFAT'S STATEMENT ACCUSING THE USG OF GIVING ISRAEL A "GREEN LIGHT" TO KILL ABU JIHAD. AL-AKHBAR'S UNSIGNED

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EDITORIAL CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR ACTING IN THE MANNER "OF THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL GANGS IN THE DAYS OF AL CAPONE," BUT THUS FAR POLITICAL COLUMNISTS HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON THE INCIDENT IN THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS.

4. (U) THE STRONGEST STATEMENT YET TO APPEAR IN THE PRESS IS A COLUMN IN THE APRIL 18 ISSUE OF THE OPPOSITION AL-WAFD BY THE PAPER'S EDITOR IN CHIEF MUSTAFA SHERDI. SHERDI, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC BUT IS GENERALLY PRO-WESTERN, WRITES "WE WANT TO HEAR A WORD FROM WASHINGTON, WHICH USED ITS VETO, AS USUAL, TWO DAYS AGO TO BLOCK A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ON THE PRETEXT THAT THE RESOLUTION IS UNBALANCED, AS IF BALANCE IN THE OPINION OF THE WHITE HOUSE IS THAT THE ISRAELI GANGS BUTCHER US WITHOUT OUR PROTESTING OR COMPLAINING OR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE." SHERDI GOES ON TO ASK HOW THE WORLD CAN ASK THE PALESTINIANS TO EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL AND REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS THAT HARM INNOCENT PEOPLE. CHALLENGING THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT--WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY DENIED PERMISSION FOR THE HOLDING OF PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING--TO JOIN THE PEOPLE IN EXPRESSING THEIR RAGE, SHERDI WRITES "WE ACCEPT A JUST

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PEACE, BUT WE REJECT THIS DESPICABLE PEACE...WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TREACHEROUS SINCE THE DAWN OF HISTORY."

5. COMMENT. HOWEVER LOW-KEY THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL RESPONSE, THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD WILL ONLY ADD TO THE HOSTILE PUBLIC MOOD TOWARD ISRAEL. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WILL ADHERE TO

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ITS POLICY OF NOT ALLOWING PUBLIC STREET DEMONSTRATIONS

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIANS. WITH THE CAMPUSES VIRTUALLY CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN, THE MOST LIKELY SITES OF LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH COULD SPILL OVER INTO THE STREETS HAVE BEEN ESSENTIALLY REMOVED FROM THE CONCERNS OF THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ARAFAT'S ACCUSATIONS OF OFFICIAL U.S. COMPLICITY WILL BECOME PART OF THE LORE OF THE CAIRO COFFEE SHOPS. IN CONTRAST TO TODAY'S MILITARY OPERATION IN THE GULF, WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO STIR PUBLIC SYMPATHY FOR THE HIGHLY UNPOPULAR IRANIAN REGIME,

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CHARGES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD ARE LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY LARGE SEGMENTS OF EGYPTIAN PUBLIC OPINION, AND THUS HAVE SOME EFFECT ON THE MISSION'S SECURITY.

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THIS REVIEW COVERS THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS
(GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED; AROUND ONE MILLION CIRCULATION)
AND THE OPPOSITION PRESS (NORMALLY WEEKLIES). BOTH
CATEGORIES REFLECT THE INCREASING INDEPENDENCE OF THE
EGYPTIAN PRESS. THE OPPOSITION PAPERS ARE NOT ONLY
LIMITED IN CIRCULATION (10,000-60,000, EXCEPT FOR THE
WIDER CIRCULATION AL-WAFD), BUT ALSO WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS
IRRESPONSIBLE. NONETHELESS, THEIR STORIES FORM PART OF

THE CAIRO RUMOR MILL; THEY CAN PROMPT DEFENSIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND INSPIRE PARALLEL STORIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS.

HIGHLIGHTS

-- THE VISITING SAUDI MINISTER OF FINANCE SAYS HE DISCUSSED WITH MUBARAK THE CONSOLIDATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

-- A JOINT EGYPTIAN-TUNISIAN COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS.

-- COMMENTS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD.

-- CRITICISM OF THE US VETO.

-- COLUMNISTS ATTACK THE OPPOSITION PARTIES.

-- POSSIBILITY OF A FIFTY PER CENT DECREASE IN HIGH DAM ELECTRICITY IN JULY.

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-- OPPOSITION AL-WAFD CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD AND CALLS FOR REJECTING THE PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL.

ESTABLISHMENT PRESS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. EGYPT/SAUDI ARABIA. ALL PAPERS REPORT MUBARAK RECEIVED THE VISITING SAUDI MINISTER OF FINANCE, WHO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MUBARAK ON THE OUTLINE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT THE CONSOLIDATION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

2. EGYPT/TUNISIA. ALL PAPERS REPORT PRIME MINISTER ATEF SEDKY'S MEETING WITH HIS VISITING TUNISIAN COUNTERPART. REPORTEDLY, A JOINT COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS WILL BE FORMED TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS. PRIME MINISTER SEDKY SAID THE COMING PERIOD WILL WITNESS FURTHER COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AT ALL LEVELS.

3. ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD. ALL PAPERS REPORT THE US NBC TELEVISION NETWORK ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS ISRAEL WHICH ASSASSINATED ABU JIHAD AND THAT THE ASSASSINATION

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OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE MOSSAD AND ISRAELI NAVAL
COMMANDOES WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF SHAMIR AND PERES.
AKHBAR REPORTS THAT ARAFAT ACCUSED THE US OF COLLUSION,
AND PLO FACTIONS CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION AND PROMISED
TO TAKE REVENGE.

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ASSASSINATION OPERATION AND WRITES THAT DESPITE THE PASSING OF 40 YEARS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL, WHICH WAS FOUNDED ON MASSACRES AND TERRORISM, ISRAEL HAS NOT MANAGED TO RUN ITS POLICY LIKE A CIVILIZED COUNTRY OR ADHERE TO PRINCIPLES; IT STILL USES THE METHOD OF PHYSICAL LIQUIDATION TO ACHIEVE ITS CRIMINAL GOALS. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT IF THE LEADERS OF TEL AVIV (BE

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ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD WILL EXTINGUISH THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING, THEN THEY DID NOT LEARN FROM HISTORY, BECAUSE THIS CRIME WILL ADD TO THE FIRES OF ANGER.

4. ON THE US VETO. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN AHAM WRITES THAT THE US VETO WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED DUE TO THE US BIASED STAND TOWARDS ISRAEL, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE

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RECENT SHUTTLE VISITSQ AND ENDEAVORS ON THE PART OF WASHINGTON, A MATTER WHICH MAKES THE VETO A STAB IN THE BACK. THE EDITORIAL CRITICIZES THE MANY EXCUSES THE US INVENTS TO JUSTIFY VETOING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND CONCLUDES THAT THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING WILL NOT STOP DESPITE ALL ISRAELI MASSACRES.

ON THE SAME PAGE, AHAM'S OCCASIONAL WRITER MOHAMMAD SID AHMAD ASSERTS THAT THE RECENT EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT HAVE ACTUALLY ENHANCED ARAB-ARAB CONTRADICTIONS, THEREBY UPSETTING THE STRATEGIC BALANCE OF POWER IN THE REGION MORE AND MORE. QUOTING A SOVIET FRIEND, THE WRITER SAYS THAT SHULTZ'S PEACE INITIATIVE IS NOT ONLY DIRECTED AT CONTAINING THE UPRISING, BUT IS ALSO AIMED TO STRENGTHEN "OIL RELATIONS" WITH SAUDI ARABIA;

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THEREFORE, SHAMIR'S STRATEGY CONFLICTS WITH WASHINGTON'S PLANS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB GULF COUNTRIES.

5. BARTER DEAL WITH FRANCE. AHAM REPORTS A 2 MILLION DOLLARS BARTER DEAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN EGYPT AND FRANCE. THE VALUE OF THE DEAL MAY BE INCREASED TO 20 MILLION DOLLARS DURING A YEAR. THE DEAL COVERS EXPORTS OF EGYPTIAN FROZEN AND FRESH VEGETABLES AND READY-MADE CLOTHES, AND IMPORTS OF FRENCH STEEL AND TIN GOODS REQUIRED FOR THE FOOD CANNING INDUSTRY.

6. EGYPTIAN EXHIBITION IN KUWAIT. AHAM REPORTS PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR SETTING UP AN EXHIBITION OF EGYPTIAN GOODS IN KUWAIT DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN. THE VALUES OF EXHIBITS WILL AMOUNT TO 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS, INCLUDING CURIOS, LEATHERWARE, FRUITS, AND COTTON CLOTHES.

7. EGYPT/FRG. AHAM REPORTS THE MEETINGS OF THE EGYPTIAN-FRG JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON THE PROVISION OF DM 373 MILLION IN WEST GERMAN ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT IN 1988, UP DM 51 FROM LAST YEAR. DM 319 MILLION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A 50 YEAR SOFT LOAN (WITH 10 YEARS GRACE AND AN INTEREST RATE OF 0.75 PERCENT).

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8. ATTACK ON THE OPPOSITION. AKHBAR'S COLUMNIST MUSA SABRY AND GUMHOURIYYA'S COLUMNIST SAMIR RAGAB ATTACK THE OPPOSITION PARTIES FOR CRITICIZING THE REGIME AND USING THE ISSUE OF THE EMERGENCY LAW TO CREATE UNREST AMONG THE MASSES INSTEAD OF MOBILIZING EFFORTS TO TACKLE NATIONAL

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ISSUES.

9. ELECTRICITY SHORTAGE. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT HIGH DAM ELECTRICITY MIGHT DECREASE BY 50 PER CENT IN JULY AND THAT THE DAM POWER PLANT WOULD STOP IF THE WATER LEVEL REACHES 147 METERS. THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY HAS MAPPED OUT A PLAN FOR FACING THE CONTINUED REDUCTION IN THE WATER LEVEL IN FRONT OF THE HIGH DAM, WHICH WENT DOWN TO 156.20 METERS. AMONG MEASURES TAKEN TO CONFRONT A SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY ARE OPERATING GAS GENERATING UNITS; SHORTENING PERIODICAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS; OPERATING UNIFIED ELECTRICITY GRIDS WITHOUT RESERVE GENERATION POWER; AND URGING CITIZENS TO CONSERVE POWER CONSUMPTION.

10. NEW INVESTMENT PROJECTS. AKHBAR REPORTS A NUMBER OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS WILL BE SET UP AT A COST OF LE 380 MILLION. THE PROJECTS, WHICH ARE IN THE FIELDS OF TOURISM, INDUSTRY, AND AGRICULTURE, WOULD PROVIDE JOBS FOR 1300 CITIZENS WITH ANNUAL WAGES OF LE 6 MILLION.

11. COTTON EXPORTS. AHAM REPORTS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COTTON AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED THAT EGYPT WILL BE EXPORTING 270,000 BALES OF COTTON VALUED AT USD 340 MILLION. THIS INCLUDES 100 PERCENT OF EGYPT'S PRODUCTION OF LONG STAPLE COTTON, THE PRICE OF WHICH HAS INCREASED FROM USD 1.85 TO USD 2.30 PER POUND. HE STATED THAT EGYPT COULD HAVE SOLD USD 550 MILLION BUT PRODUCTION WAS NOT ADEQUATE TO SATISFY DEMAND.

12. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE FOR APRIL 14 IS PT 225.0 FOR BUYING AND PT 225.6 FOR SELLING.

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13. EGYPTIAN PROTEST. AL-WAFD REPORTS EGYPT PRESENTED A STRONGLY WORDED PROTEST TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE KILLING OF INHABITANTS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. EGYPT AFFIRMED IT WOULD TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES IF ISRAEL DID NOT STOP ITS REPRESSIVE PRACTICES. EGYPT URGED THE US ADMINISTRATION TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY AND PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO STOP THE MASSACRES.

EDITOR IN CHIEF MUSTAFA SHERDI REFERS TO THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD AND WONDERS ABOUT THOSE WHO CALL FOR EXERCISING SELF-RESTRAINT AND REFRAIN FROM RETALIATION. SHERDI QUESTIONS WHAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY THE MOSSAD. SHERDI CONCLUDES BY CONDEMNING ANY AGREEMENT OR ACCORDS WITH THE ISRAELIS, REJECTING SUCH "SUBMISSIVE PEACE", AND CALLING UPON THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS TO LEAD THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE IN EXPRESSING THEIR ANGER.

14. DIFFERENCES IN THE GOVERNMENT. AL-WAFD REPORTS SHARP DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC ADVISORS OF THE PRESIDENCY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OVER THE BUDGET. REPORTEDLY, THE GOVERNMENT INSISTS ON PRINTING BANKNOTES TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR SALARIES, A MATTER WHICH WILL INCREASE INFLATION RATES. GOVERNMENT

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OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT THE SALARY HIKE WOULD BE FINANCED
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15. GOVERNMENT-OPPOSITION MEETING. AL-AHRAR REPORTS THAT AN EMERGENCY MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD WITHIN DAYS TO CONTAIN THE CRISIS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION WHICH ENSUED FROM THE EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY LAW. THE EXPECTED MEETING WILL DISCUSS A NEUTRAL SECURITY REPORT ON THE POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT RAISED BY THE OPPOSITION, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH ARE THE POLICIES ADOPTED TO TACKLE INFLATION AND PRICE INCREASES. WISNER

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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PREL, KPAL, ASEC, JO, XF
SUBJECT: ACCUSATIONS OF U.S. ACQUIESCENCE TO ABU JIHAD
- ASSASSINATION

REFS: (A) STATE 121592 (B) FBIS JN171035 (C)
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2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY PLO OFFICIALS HAVE ACCUSED THE U.S. OF COMPLICITY WITH THE ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PLO DEPUTY MILITARY CHIEF, ABU JIHAD. JORDANIAN PRESS REPORTS ON APRIL 18 QUOTE PLO CHAIRMAN YASSIR 'ARAFAT WHO ALLEGES THE ASSASSINATION OF ABU JIHAD WAS "AN ISRAELI DECISION TAKEN AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH THE GREEN LIGHT OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION." 'ARAFAT ASSERTS THAT THE KILLING OF ABU JIHAD WILL REINVIGORATE THE "UPRISING" IN THE OCCUPIED

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TERRITORIES.

3. DFLP SECRETARY GENERAL NAYIF HAWATMEH (REF C) CALLED THE ASSASSINATION "A CRIME COMMITTED BY THE ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE MOSSAD UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION." HE NOTED THAT THE KILLING "COINCIDED WITH THE U.S. VETO OF THE UNSC RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ZIONIST REPRESSION." DFLP POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER AND MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE

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OCCUPIED HOMELAND, SALIH RA'FAT (REF B) ECHOED HAWATMEH'S SENTIMENTS AND CALLED THE ASSASSINATION "A DESPERATE ATTEMPT" TO UNDERMINE THE "UPRISING." HE SAID THE COMING DAYS WILL BE "AMONG THE MOST VIOLENT" AND THAT "ENEMY LEADERS WILL NOT ESCAPE PUNISHMENT."

4. IN A STATEMENT BROADCAST OVER AL-QUDS RADIO (REF D), THE PFLP-GC POLITICAL BUREAU CALLED THE ASSASSINATION A CRIMINAL AND TERRORIST ACT COMMITTED BY THE ZIONIST-U.S. ENEMY" DIRECTED AGAINST "ALL FACTIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF THESE ACCUSATIONS--ESPECIALLY 'ARAFAT'S--OF U.S. COMPLICITY IN AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF ABU JIHAD'S KILLING, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GET INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD GUIDANCE ALONG THE LINES OF REF A, EXPLICITLY DENYING ANY U.S. FOREKNOWLEDGE OF OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION.

6. BAGHDAD, BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SUDDARTH

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SECURITY ADVISORY: ASSASSINATION OF PLO
LEADER

REF: STATE 119673 (151945 APR 88)

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1. (U) KHALIL AL-WAZIR (AKA ABU JIHAD), THE NUMBER TWO
FIGURE IN THE PLO, WAS ASSASSINATED IN TUNISIA ON APRIL
16. ALTHOUGH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSASSINATION IS
UNCLEAR, THE PLO HAS BLAMED AGENTS OF ISRAEL AND HAS
VOWED TO RETALIATE AGAINST ISRAELI INTERESTS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT
U.S. INTERESTS ARE THREATENED, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT

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POSSIBLE ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS GIVEN THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE EYES OF MANY PLO SUPPORTERS. ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT CLAIMS THE PLO IS ALLEGING U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION. WHILE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY WHETHER THE PLO HAS IN FACT MADE SUCH A CLAIM, THIS IS THE TYPE OF STATEMENT WHICH CAN INCITE VIOLENCE.

3. [REDACTED] POSTS ARE URGED TO REFER TO REFTEL (THREAT ADVISORY) FOR INFORMATION FOR OTHER RELATED THREAT

INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES.

4. BEIRUT, KABUL, BAGHDAD, MOSCOW, LENINGRAD MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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TAGS: PREL, XF

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON ASSASSINATION OF KHALIL EL WAZIR

1. POSTS SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF KHALIL EL WAZIR:

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QUESTION: WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO KHALIL EL WAZIR'S ASSASSINATION?

ANSWER: THE U.S. REGRETS VIOLENCE, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT REPORTS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT?

ANSWER: THAT LINE OF SPECULATION IS COMPLETELY BASELESS. WHITEHEAD

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TAGS: OVIP (SHULTZ, GEORGE P.)

SUBJECT: SHULTZ' AND MUBARAK'S STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS
AT THE PRESIDENCY

1. FOLLOWING ARE VERBATIM TEXTS OF PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S
AND SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ' REMARKS TO THE PRESS AT
ITTIDHADIYYA PALACE, CAIRO, FOLLOWING THEIR APRIL 6,
1988, MEETING. THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IS UNCLEARED.
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2. PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S STATEMENT:

(BEGIN QUOTE)

I HAVE HAD A MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE
SHULTZ FOR ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS. THIS IS HIS
THIRD TRIP TO THE AREA AND I AM REALLY SATISFIED TO A
GREAT EXTENT BY ALL THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAVE HAD
NOW AT THIS OF TIME. HE HAS COME HERE FOR THE THIRD

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TIME AND I AM STILL ASKING HIM TO COME AGAIN AND AGAIN BECAUSE AS FAR AS I FEEL ALL THE PARTIES WANT THE PEACE PROCESS TO CONTINUE SO AS TO REACH A GOOD CONCLUSION. ALTHOUGH IT IS VERY COMPLICATED AND HARD, I AM STILL ASKING THE SECRETARY TO COME AGAIN, AND I THINK THAT ALL THE PARTIES HAVE THE SAME IDEA THAT THE SECRETARY SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL WE REACH A GOOD CONCLUSION SO THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CAN CONVENE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REALLY, THE TALKS WERE VERY ENCOURAGING. STILL, THERE ARE SOME POINTS WHICH NEED MORE DISCUSSION BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IS NOT EASY, BUT I HAVE HOPES THAT WE WILL REACH A CONCLUSION AT SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AGAIN, I WELCOME SECRETARY SHULTZ TO EGYPT AND I AM VERY PLEASED WITH THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD AND I AM SAYING THIS TO ENCOURAGE HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND I THINK HE IS GOING TO JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND ISRAEL, WHICH GIVES YOU A CLUE AND A GOOD INDICATION THAT THERE IS PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS, ALTHOUGH SHAMIR IS STILL ON HIS CONCEPTION (I.E. STICKING TO HIS OWN IDEAS) BUT I HOPE THAT HE CAN CHANGE SOMETIME FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE. PEACE IS VERY PRECIOUS. PEACE NEEDS SACRIFICE. PEACE NEEDS A VERY STRONG WILL. WE HAVE ALL GOT TO HELP AND COOPERATE SO THAT PEACE PREVAILS IN THE WHOLE AREA FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE NATIONS IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MIDDLE EAST. THANK YOU.

3. FOLLOWING IS UNCLEARED TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ' STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK:

(BEGIN QUOTE)

MR. PRESIDENT, I APPRECIATE YOUR RECEIVING ME HERE. WE HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD EXPLORATION OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR APPRAISAL, AND YOUR INVITATION TO KEEP WORKING AT IT. WE'LL DO IT. THANK YOU. UNDELAND UNQUOTE WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SHULTZ' PRESS CONFERENCE AND
DEPARTURE STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY SECSTATE GEORGE SHULTZ, QASIM SAUDI
ARABIA, APRIL 7, 1988,

BEGIN STATMENT

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO KING
FAHD FOR RECEIVING ME. I WAS AS ALWAYS DELIGHTED FOR
THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIM AND WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER SAUD, TO SEE AMBASSADOR BANDAR HERE AS WELL.
WE FOCUSED ON OUR DISCUSSION ON THE PEACE PROCESS IN
THE MIDDLE EAST AND HERE I FOUND A GREAT MEASURE OF
SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, AS KING FAHD WELCOMES THE
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INITIATIVE WE HAVE TAKEN AND IS FOLLOWING IT WITH GREAT
INTEREST. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS,
IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN THE GULF AND AT THE UNITED
NATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH RESOLUTION 598, AND OUR
CONCERNS TOGETHER ABOUT THE PROBLEMS IN LEBANON.
ALTOGEHTER IT WAS A VERY BENEFICIAL MEETING FROM MY
STANDPOINT. AND AGAIN I AM GRATEFUL TO KING FAHD FOR
RCEIVING ME AND FOR THIS EXCELLENT DISCUSSION.
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2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOW:

Q: HOW DO YOU SEE THE RESULTS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS IN THE KINGDOM.

A: WELL, I FOUND THE DISCUSSIONS MOST WORTHWHILE AND BENEFICIAL, SO I WOULD HAVE TO CHARACTERIZE THE RESULTS AS POSITIVE.

Q: THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND AMERICA ARE BUILT ON MUTUAL INTEREST AND FRIENDSHIP. HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE OF THE TWO.

A: I SEE THE FUTURE CONTINUING THE STRONG PATTERN OF COOPERATION THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST. IT WAS, I THINK, A FACT IN OUR DISCUSSION THAT THE ABILITY TO TALK INFORMALLY AND IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD WAY WAS BENEFICIAL AND I EXPECT TO SEE THAT CONTINUE AS IT IS A VERY STRONG RELATIONSHIP, BOTH TOGETHER WITH MANY YEARS AND DECADES AND WE WANT TO HAVE IT CONTINUE THAT WAY.

Q: SECRETARY, YOU ARE LEAVING THE REGION IN ABOUT 20 HOURS OR SO. WILL YOU LEAVE WITH A YES DO YOU THINK;
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NO; OR MAYBE ON YOUR SKELETAL PEACE PACKAGE.

A: WELL I WILL LEAVE WITH THE SKELETON INTACT AND A LITTLE FLESH HERE AND THERE, AND A LITTLE LIFE IN THE FLESH. SO I THINK IT HAS BEEN WORTHWHILE, AND WE MADE A LITTLE PROGRESS, BUT IT COMES VERY HARD AND SLOW AND I DON'T WANT TO EXAGGERATE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP WORKING AT IT. EVERYONE IS ANXIOUS THAT THAT IT GO ON AND I THINK THAT THERE IS A UNIVERSAL DESIRE IN EVERY COUNTRY IN AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT PEOPLE ATTACH TO THE OBJECTIVES AND THE DESIRE THAT THEY SEE TO PURSUE IT IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

Q: HOW DO YOU SEE THE ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF TRADING LAND FOR PEACE?

A: WELL, IT'S UP TO THE ISRAELIS TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES IN THE INITIATIVE THAT WE HAVE PUT FORWARD. WE SAY THAT IT IS BASED ON RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND THAT EACH OF THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS THAT WE WOULD FORSEE - THAT IS, BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EACH OF ITS NEIGHBORS - THAT WOULD BE BASED ON 242 AND 338. SO THAT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL OF OUR PROPOSAL AND THOSE WHO SIGN ON TO THAT PROPOSAL DO SO KNOWING THE

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APPLICABILITY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS.

Q: MR. SECRETARY; DID THE ISSUE OF THE RECENT SAUDI PURCHASE OF CHINESE MISSILES COME UP, AND IF SO, CAN YOU CHARACTERIZE THOSE DISCUSSIONS; WHETHER YOU EXPRESSED U.S. CONCERN ABOUT THE SAUDI MISSILES.

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A: WELL, I CAN SAY THAT THE SUBJECT CAME UP AND WE
DISCUSSED IT, AND THE DISCUSSION WAS IN FACT A
SATISFACTORY ONE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO FURTHER

DETAIL ON THAT.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU ASK KING FAHD FOR SUPPORT TO YOUR INITIATIVE; AND HOW DID YOU ASK HIM TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE P.L.O. UNTIL NOW, AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TODAY, THEY CHOOSE THE P.L.O. AS THEIR SOLE REPRESENTATIVE, AND WHAT IS NEW IN YOUR INITIATIVE IF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE THE P.L.O.

A: WELL, OF COURSE WE DISCUSSED THE INITIATIVE
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CAREFULLY, AT LENGTH, AND I WELCOME THE FACT THAT KING FAHD WAS IN GENERAL GLAD TO SEE US MAKING THIS INITIATIVE. BEYOND THAT, I DON'T WANT TO...IT'S NOT PROPER FOR ME TO SPEAK ON HIS BEHALF, OR ON BEHALF OF SAUDI ARABIA. INSOFAR AS PALESTINIANS ARE CONCERNED, IT IS OUR VIEW - AND WE HAVE STATED THIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INITIATIVE VERY CLEARLY - THAT OBVIOUSLY, PALESTINIANS NEED TO BE INVOLVED FROM THE BEGINNING; THEY NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS; AND WE THINK THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY FOR THAT TO OCCUR IS AS PART OF A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION. AND THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE ADVOCATED.

Q: BUT THEY REFUSED LAST WEEK
AND WE PROPOSED THAT WHILE EACH HAS A RIGHT TO CONTINUE SUPPLY THOSE WHOM IT HAS BEEN SUPPORTING, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, THAT IT MIGHT BE WELL IN THE INTERESTS OF STABILITY TO HAVE A MORITORIUM ON SUPPLIES. APPARENTLY, THE SOVIET UNION DOESN'T WANT TO DO THAT. SO ANOTHER WAY OF HAVING BALANCE IS THAT EACH SIDE HAS THE RIGHT AND, IF IT CHOOSES TO, GOES AHEAD AND GIVES SUPPLIES. WE'RE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD ON THAT BASIS AND I MAKE THE FURTHER OBSERVATION THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE TO WHAT DEGREE RESTRAINT IS EXERCISED AS WE JUDGE WHAT WE WILL DO. BUT IN ANY CASE WE WILL HAVE A BALANCED OUTCOME AND WE WILL SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS IN PAKISTAN AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SO VALIANTLY FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE IN AFGHANISTAN.

Q: BUT HAS THERE BEEN AN AGREEMENT.

A: I HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT WE HAVE SAID TO THE SOVIET UNION AND WHETHER OR NOT THE ACCORD FINALLY COMES
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TOGETHER, I DON'T KNOW. ONE OF MY PROBLEMS IS THAT I'M IN MEETINGS ALL DAY LONG AND YOU FELLOWS HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE NEWS TICKERS; YOU MAY KNOW SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT IS OBVIOUSLY GETTING TOWARD THE END AND WE ARE IN VERY ACTIVE TOUCH YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT - KEEPING TRACK, AND WE'LL JUST SEE HOW THIS WINDS UP. IT'S IN AN ENDGAME SITUATION.

Q: AS YOU SEE, THE FRIENDS FROM THE PROFESSION FROM THE U.S. ARE VERY KEEN ON TACKLING MORE U.S. SUBJECTS; WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE REMAINING LITTLE TIME TO UTILIZE FOR THEMSELVES AND THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE...

A: THAT'S THE NICEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM IN A LONG WHILE. (LAUGHTER)

Q: MR. SECRETARY, YOU HAVE BEEN PRAISING KING HUSSEIN A LOT ON THIS TRIP, SAYING THAT BY ASKING THESE QUESTIONS, THAT HE'S ASKING THAT YOU GIVE HIM THE ANSWERS FOR....(GARBLE)....SHOWS THAT HE'S READY TO PARTICIPATE, AND HE'S A PARTNER IN THIS WHOLE THING, YET APPRENTLY THE JORDANIANS AREN'T READY TO LET THEIR OWN CITIZENS HEAR YOUR VIEWS, AS EXPRESSED IN THE INTERVIEW THE OTHER NIGHT. DOES THAT SAY TO YOU AT ALL THAT MAYBE HE'S NOT AS READY AS YOU THINK, IF HE WON'T LET HIS OWN PEOPLE HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

A: WELL, FIRST OF ALL I MADE A POINT OF THE FACT THAT KING HUSSEIN HAS ENGAGED HIMSELF IN THIS PROCESS BY ADDRESSING THE ISSUES IN THE INITIATIVE AND GETTING STARTED ON A PROCESS OF FLESHING THEM OUT. AND I THINK THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE. AND WHEN IT SAYS - AND HERE OF

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COURSE IT'S FOR HIM TO SPEAK AND FOR THE SITUATION TO
EVOLVE - BUT I THINK THE MESSAGE OF THAT TO ISRAEL IS
THAT HERE IS A POSSIBLE ARAB PARTNER IN NEGOTIATION.
THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN, ALTHOUGH THAT CAN EVOLVE - I
THINK THAT'S THE MESSAGE. NOW, OTHERS OBVIOUSLY, ARE
ENGAGED TOO. AND IN VARYING

DEGREES FUNDAMENTAL
ACCEPTANCE OF ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR PROPOSAL. BUT WE'VE
HAD A GOOD...OBVIOUSLY, PRESIDENT MUBARAK, YOU KNOW
ABOUT THAT; AND BOTH PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR AND FOREIGN
MINISTER PERES HAVE ENGAGED WITH US IN CONSTRUCTIVE
DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ELEMENTS OF OUR INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH
IT CERTAINLY IS THE CASE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS
RESERVATIONS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL
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CONFERENCES; HE'S EXPRESSED THAT. NOW AS FAR AS THE
AIRING OF THE INTERVIEW IS CONCERNED, OF COURSE WE'RE
GREAT SUPPORTERS OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. WE HAVE
DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE JORDANIANS; THEY'VE EXPLAINED
THEIR VIEW TO US, AND THAT'S WHERE THE MATTER STANDS.
ACTUALLY, THE INTERVIEW WAS MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF
DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN CORRESPONDANTS, AND I THINK THE
TRANSCRIPT IS GENERALLY AVAILABLE.

Q: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: IS THE EVENT THAT THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE WERE TO
BEGIN, DID SAUDI ARABIA EXPRESS A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE
OR WOULD SAUDI ARABIA SIMPLY AWAIT A POSITIVE OUTCOME

AND ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT BE REACHED.

A: ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT IS WHO ATTENDS. AND THE CONCEPTION THAT WE HAVE IS THAT THE ATTENDANTS WOULD BE ISRAEL; THE STATES IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING ISRAEL WHO CHOOSE TO COME; THAT WOULD BE EGYPT, JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON; AND PALESTINIANS WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION. IN ADDITION, THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE PARTICIPANTS. SO THAT'S THE COMPOSITION.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, IN ONLY THE LAST TWO DAYS, THE VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL IS TAKING ON A NEW CHARACTER BECAUSE OF THE STONING OF AN ISRAELI GIRL AND FIGHTS BETWEEN SETTLERS AND ARAB VILLAGERS. TO PUT THINGS IN CONTEXT, I WONDER IF YOU THINK THAT HAS MADE YOUR SWING THROUGH MOST OF THE ARAB CAPITALS IN THE LAST COUPLE DAYS ALL THE MORE TIMELY AND NECESSARY. AND ALSO, IF I MAY, DO YOU HAVE A DIRECT REACTION TO WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

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IN ISRAEL IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

A: THE INITIATIVE FOR PEACE THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN IS ADDRESSED TO UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT

HAVE EXISTED IN THE REGION FOR A LONG TIME THAT DON'T SOLVE THEMSELVES AND WHICH, I THINK, URGENTLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. SO THIS INITIATIVE IS NOT ADDRESSED TO THE VIOLENCE, IT IS ADDRESSED TO THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES. OBVIOUSLY, WE ALL DEPLORE THE VIOLENCE. WE WANT TO SEE ORDER MAINTAINED, AND IT IS ISRAEL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THAT; WE WANT TO SEE THAT ORDER IS MAINTAINED IN AS HUMANE A WAY AS POSSIBLE. AND WE HAVE NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT IN WHICH, CLEARLY, THE PRACTICES FOLLOWED ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES. BUT NEVERTHELESS, ISRAEL HAS A DUTY TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THAT VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. IT CLEARLY CAN ESCALATE, BUT OUR HOPE IS THAT PERHAPS IT WILL DAMPEN DOWN NOW. BUT THAT OF COURSE REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, FROM THE NEWS REPORTS FROM TASHKENT TODAY, IT APPEARS THAT GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV HAS TOLD NAJIBULLAH THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE U.S. HAVE AGREED ON A PLAN UNDER WHICH THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR RESPECTIVE ALLIES IN AFGHANISTAN EVEN AFTER A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL. HAS THERE BEEN ANY SUCH AGREEMENT, OR IS THE AGREEMENT ESSENTIALLY A TACIT ONE?

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A: WE HAVE DISCUSSED OF COURSE, THE ROLE OF GUARANTORS
FOR THAT AGREEMENT: THE ACCORD THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED
IN GENEVA, BASICALLY BETWEEN....WITH PAKISTAN AS THE

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NEGOTIATING COUNTRY ON OUR SIDE OF THE ISSUE. WE HAVE
TAKEN THE VIEW THAT IF WE ARE TO BE A GUARANTOR, AND
THE SOVIET UNION IS TO BE A GUARANTOR, THAT THE
OBLIGATIONS OF EACH BE BALANCED.
NOW, I'VE TALKED TO OTHERS WHO HAVE SOME DIFFERENT
IDEAS, BUT ANYWAY THAT'S OUR IDEA - THAT'S WHAT WE
THINK WOULD WORK. BUT CLEARLY THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE

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VITALLY INTERESTED AND WHO ARE GOING TO BE PAYING ATTENTION, AND TALKING TO THEIR FRIENDS, AND SO ON, SO THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH THE WORLD WILL BE THERE.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO REPORT FROM THE DISCUSSIONS WITH SYRIA CONCERNING UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES FOR LEBANON.

A: YES, WE HAD QUITE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS THERE WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD (WHICH) TOOK A FAIR PROPORTION OF OUR TIME. WE LEFT THERE AND CAME TO LEBANON - APRIL GLASSBY (PHONETIC) WHO IS PROBABLY OUR MOST KNOWLEDGABLE, SKILLFUL PERSON, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY, ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR MURPHY, WHEREVER HE IS - AT ANY RATE, SHE IS VERY ABLE AND RESPECTED, AND SO SHE HAS BEEN IN SYRIA WORKING ON THE SUBJECT, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD JUST EXACTLY WHERE THOSE TALKS STAND AS OF TODAY. BUT WE'RE TRYING TO SEE IF WE CAN'T, BY TALKING TO PRESIDENT GEMAYEL, AND PRESIDENT ASSAD BACK AND FORTH, HELP THE PARTIES COME TO AGREEMENT ON A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE. IF THAT TAKES PLACE, I THINK IT WILL ENHANCE THE PROBABILITY OF ELECTIONS AND ENHANCE THE WORKABILITY OF THE OUTCOME. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. (END Q AND A)
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1. [REDACTED] IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS WE HAVE SEEN SOME
DISTURBING ARTICLES IN THE LOCAL PRESS ALLEGING
THAT THE USG HAS APPROVED ISRAEL'S MEASURES
UNDERTAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE PALESTINIAN UNREST.
(TEXT OF THE ARTICLES ARE CONTAINED IN
PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5.) AS THE MOST RECENT MEASURES
EMPLOYED INCLUDE THE USE OF COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT
ON A BROAD SCALE, EFFECTIVELY TARGETING EVERY
SINGLE PALESTINIAN AS AN ENEMY TO BE DEALT WITH,
THE ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. COMPLICITY ARE MOST

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DISTURBING. WE ARE, OF COURSE, CLOSELY
IDENTIFIED WITH ISRAEL AND, IN THE MINDS OF MOST
PALESTINIANS, WITH THE OCCUPATION AND THE
WAY IN WHICH ISRAEL ADMINISTERS IT. THE
APPEARANCE OF ARTICLES IN THE HEBREW AND ARABIC
PRESS ALLEGING THAT THE U.S. GAVE ISRAEL THE
GREEN LIGHT TO QUELL THE UNREST BY ANY MEANS,
TEND TO REINFORCE THE SPECIFIC PALESTINIAN
VIEW THAT THE U.S. IS UNCONCERNED WITH HUMAN

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RIGHTS VIOLATIONS CARRIED OUT BY ISRAEL UNDER
THE GUISE OF SECURITY.

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2. [REDACTED] WHEN THE CURRENT WAVE OF DISTURBANCES
BEGAN, THE CRITICAL COMMENTS MADE BY THE USG
WERE WELCOMED BY THE PALESTINIANS AS A SIGN OF
U.S. CONCERN. OUR VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TO CONDEMN DEPORTATIONS WAS ALSO WELCOMED BY
PALESTINIANS. THE SUBSEQUENT ABSTENTIONS AND
VETOS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON RELATED ISSUES
WERE WIDELY VIEWED AS A CAVE-IN TO ISRAELI
CONCERNS. THE FINER POINTS OF OUR VOTES AND
OUR CONTENTION THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS
NOT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THE RESOLUTION
OF THIS CONFLICT DID NOT GET THROUGH TO
PALESTINIANS, WHO ONLY SAW THE U.S. SUPPORTING
REPRESSIVE ISRAELI MEASURES. THE RECENT STATEMENT
BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CALLING ON ISRAEL
TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO CLOSE THE
PALESTINE PRESS SERVICES, ON THE OTHER HAND,
WAS A WELCOME ONE LOCALLY.

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AS ISRAEL STEPS UP ITS
INDISCRIMINATE PRESSURE ON EVERY RPT EVERY
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PALESTINIAN IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IT
IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT THE UNITED
STATES MAKE CLEAR ITS OBJECTION TO COLLECTIVE
PUNISHMENT AS A WAY OF DEALING WITH UNREST, AND
THAT THE U.S. MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE MUST BE
LIMITS PLACED ON THE USE OF FORCE BY ISRAELI
SOLDIERS. THE STATEMENTS MADE BY
SECRETARY SHIFTER BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE WITH REGARDS TO INAPPROPRIATE USE
OF FORCE ARE WELCOME. IN THIS REGARD, WE
BELIEVE THAT THE USG MUST FIND FURTHER WAYS
OF MAKING CLEAR ITS OBJECTION TO UNACCEPTABLE
PRACTICES VIA, AMONG OTHER THINGS, STRONGER AND
MORE FREQUENT STATEMENTS FROM THE SPOKESMAN.

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4. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF AL-QUDS ITEM OF MARCH 23,
1988, WHICH WAS REPORTED ON THE FRONT PAGE AND
TAKEN FROM A REPORT IN THE HEBREW DAILY
HADASHOT. THE HEADLINE READS: "WASHINGTON
GIVES GREEN LIGHT. SHAMIR INTENDS TO ASK RABIN
TO QUELL DISTURBANCES FIRMLY AND QUICKLY."

BEGIN TEXT.

HADASHOT REPORTED THE THE PRIME MINISTER WHO

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RETURNED YESTERDAY (3/22) FROM THE U.S. INTENDS
TO ASK DEFMIN RABIN TO ADOPT A "FIRMER" POLICY
IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TO QUELL THE "WAR, AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE." SHAMIR TOLD PERSONS CLOSE TO

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HIM BEFORE HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL THAT HE INTENDS
TO INSTRUCT RABIN TO IMPOSE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON
MEDIA COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. SHAMIR WAS SURPRISED BY THE EXTEND

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OF DAMAGE CAUSED TO ISRAEL BY THE VAST PRESS
COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AND
ADDED THAT NO GREAT DAMAGE WILL BE CAUSED IF NEW
AREAS ARE DECLARED CLOSED MILITARY AREAS FOR THE
PRESS. SHAMIR TOLD PERSONS CLOSE TO HIM THAT
THE POLITICAL EFFECTS OF SUPPRESSING
DISTURBANCES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE
SATISFACTORY TODAY MORE THAN AT ANY TIME
BEFORE. U.S. OFFICIALS REALIZE THAT THE
DISTURBANCES ARE NOT MERELY AN UPRISING OR CIVIL

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DISOBEDIENCE, ACCORDING TO SHAMIR, BUT A WAR
AGAINST ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE. SUPPRESSIVE
OPERATIONS WILL MEET WITH U.S. UNDERSTANDING.
SHAMIR SAID THAT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIALS TOLD HIM: "END ALL THIS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE," AND THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN AND
SECRETARY SHULTZ EXPRESSED WORRY ABOUT THE
DANGERS OF THE DISTURBANCES AGAINST ISRAEL'S
IMAGE AND THEY ADVISED HIM TO ACT TO AMELIORATE
THE SITUATION.

END QUOTE.

5. (U) BELOW IS THE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE
APPEARING IN THE HEBREW DAILY AL-HAMISHMAR ON
MARCH 21, 1988. THE TITLE: "UNCLE SAM SUPPORTS
AND APPROVES." (REF)
BEGIN TEXT.

WHEN MEMBERS OF THE SETTLERS LOBBY EMERGED
SATISFIED FROM A MEETING IN THE KNESSET WITH
DEFENSE MINISTER YITZHAQ RABIN LAST WEEK, ONE
SHOULD ALREADY HAVE SUSPECTED THAT A NEW
ALLIANCE BETWEEN RABIN AND THE SETTLERS WAS
BEING FORMED. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT RABIN
DISCLOSED TO THEM THE HARSH STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN
THE TERRITORIES, SUCH AS CHANGING THE ORDERS ON
OPENING FIRE AS THE SETTLERS HAD BEEN DEMANDING,
OUTLAWING THE AL-SHABIBAH YOUTH MOVEMENT, AND
OTHERS.

THE FACT THAT RABIN HAD TO DELAY THE PUBLICATION
AND ENFORCEMENT OF THESE MEASURES UP TO NOW

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SHOWS THEY FIRST HAD TO BE REPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES, AS INDEED HAPPENED. IT IS NOW CLEAR BEYOND DOUBT: ISRAEL HAS DECLARED WAR IN THE TERRITORIES AND, LIKE ALL OTHER WARS IN THE PAST, IT HAD TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES PRIME MINISTER YITZHAQ SHAMIR TOOK UP WITH THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. THE "GO-AHEAD" GIVEN TO THIS NEW ISRAELI POLICY SHOWS THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE GIVEN IT THEIR BLESSING.

WHO IS INTERESTED IN A WAR IN THE TERRITORIES? SHAMIR IS, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A DELAY IN ANSWERING U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT ONE OF SHAMIR'S ARGUMENTS FOR NOT RUSHING AHEAD WITH THE SHULTZ INITIATIVE WAS THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THE TERRITORIES, ISRAEL WOULD BE STARTING ANY POLITICAL PROCESS FROM A POSITION OF WEAKNESS. TO BACK HIS POSITION, SHAMIR COULD HAVE CITED THE WORDS OF THE FAMOUS FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, WHO CALLED ON ISRAEL TO CRUSH THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING IN THE TERRITORIES WITH AN IRON FIRST, BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE.

THE ISRAELI LOBBY IN WASHINGTON PROBABLY INFLUENCED CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN PARTY FIGURES TO JUSTIFY ISRAEL TO REAGAN AND SHULTZ.

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GUSH EMUNIM ALSO HAS LONG-TERM REASONS TO WANT
TO DECLARE A STATE OF WAR. THOSE REASONS ARE
WHAT THEY CALL IN THEIR PUBLICATIONS, "THE 1948
CONDITIONS," OR CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR
EXPELLING THE ARABS FROM JUDAEA AND SAMARIA.
YITZHAQ RABIN, THE DEFENSE MINISTER FOR THE
ALIGNMENT, WAS THE FIRST TO DEFINE THE SITUATION
IN THE TERRITORIES AS A STATE OF WAR, NOT ONLY
FOR REASONS CONNECTED WITH THE WAY HE INTENDED
TO QUELL THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING (MEANING THE
IRON FIST THAT A STATE OF WAR REQUIRES), BUT
ALSO FOR WEIGHTY STRATEGIC REASONS. RABIN'S
SCHOOL OF THOUGHT VIEWS THE POLITICAL HERITAGE

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OF MOSHE DAYAN, DEFENSE MINISTER AFTER THE 6-DAY
WAR, AS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
DETERIORATION IN THE TERRITORIES. DAYAN
ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC WAYS OF
OPERATION IN THE TERRITORIES. HE OPENED THE
JORDAN RIVER BRIDGES TO THE EAST AND THE GREEN
LINE TO THE WEST, AS A BASIS FOR A SOLUTION OF
THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WITHIN A CONFEDERATIVE
FORM IN A GREATER ISRAEL. ABOLISHING DAYAN'S
HERITAGE REQUIRES A "STATE OF WAR." IT IS NO
ACCIDENT THAT THE IRON FIST POLICY IS BEING
ACCOMPANIED BY A GRADUAL REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC
ACROSS THE JORDAN RIVER BRIDGES AND A PARTIAL

CLOSURE OF THE GREEN LINE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY
KEEPING THE MEDIA OUT OF THE TERRITORIES.

THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS NOT JOINED THE "STATE OF
WAR" CHOIR IS FOREIGN MINISTER SHIM'ON PERES,
WHO IS SADLY WATCHING HIS POLITICAL CONCEPTS
COLLAPSE WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO HELP.

ODDLY ENOUGH, THE SHAMIR-RABIN-SETTLERS
COALITION HAS SECRET ALLIES ON THE PALESTINIAN
SIDE. THE INTERNAL DEBATES OF THE PALESTINIANS
SHOW THE GRADUAL EMERGENCE OF A RADICAL FORCE
THAT WISHES TO LEBANONIZE THE TERRITORIES. THE
LATTER ARE INTERESTED IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE WITH
FIREARMS, WHILE OTHERS ARE TRYING TO PREVENT A
DETERIORATION TOWARD AN ARMED STRUGGLE AND TO
RETAIN THE PRESENT CHARACTER OF THE UPRISING,
ONE THAT IS BASICALLY POPULAR AND UNARMED. THE
RADICAL CAMP IS BASED UPON A ALLIANCE BETWEEN
THE ISLAMIC JIHAD, WHOSE NAME STATES ITS AIMS,
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AND THE RADICAL PALESTINIAN LEXHWING, WHICH
ASPIRES TO AN ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE ONLY
SUITABLE WAR GAINST ISRAEL.

END QUOTE.
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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

BY EDWARD SAID AND IBRAHIM ABU LUGHUD FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1988.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

WE MET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ AT HIS INVITATION. AS UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL, WE WERE PLEASED TO DO SO AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED US BY SECRETARY SHULTZ.

WE EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH MR. SHULTZ AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE COMMITMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO A SETTLEMENT PREMISED UPON THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS RELEVANT TO PALESTINE AND TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

WE CONSIDER THE MEETING TO BE A STEP FORWARD IN CURRENT AMERICAN EFFORTS AND POLICY TO FACILITATE A PEACE-MAKING PROCESS WHICH SHOULD INVOLVE THE RELEVANT PARTIES

INCLUDING THE PLO, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND WOULD ALSO INVOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

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WE CONVEYED TO SECRETARY SHULTZ THE URGENT NEED TO LIFT ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AS A PREPARATORY STEP ON THE ROAD TO ACHIEVING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PALESTINIAN-ARABS AND ISRAELI JEWS.

END TEXT

3. IN THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH REPORTERS, PROFESSORS SAID AND ABU LUGHUD EMPHASIZED THAT THEY MET WITH THE SECRETARY AS PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY ORGANIZATION. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE PNC, BUT THEY WERE NOT BRINGING THE SECRETARY ANY MESSAGE FROM ANY ORGANIZATION, NOR DID THEY BRING ONE FROM ARAFAT, AND SHULTZ DID NOT GIVE THEM A MESSAGE FOR ARAFAT. SAID AND ABU LUGHUD SAID THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH ARAFAT BEFORE TODAY'S MEETING.

4. SAID AND ABU LUGHUD SAID THEY WERE INTERESTED IN IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND THE ADMINISTRATION. THEY WERE APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE SECRETARY AND HOPED THE DIALOGUE COULD CONTINUE. THEY FELT THERE WAS GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD

CREATIVELY AND WITH INGENUITY, BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS. THE SECRETARY AGREED THERE IS A NEED TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI COEXISTENCE. BOTH AGREED THERE ARE LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS ON THE U.S. FROM DEALING WITH THE PLO, BUT THAT PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE CREDIBLE AND LEGITIMATE, ABU LUGHUD SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE PLO CAN DELEGATE CREDIBLE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS.

5. SAID SAID THEY CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY THEIR ANGER AT
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THE REPRESSIVE NATURE OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. ALL PALESTINIANS RECOGNIZE THAT THE USG BEARS A CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISRAELI ACTIONS, BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP AND STRONG U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. SHULTZ

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FOLLOWING IS AN ON-THE-RECORD READOUT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REDMAN OF THE MARCH 26 MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND DR EDWARD SAID AND DR IBRAHIM ABU LUGHUD. READ OUT WAS MADE MARCH 26 AT DEPARTMENT.

MR. REDMAN: AS YOU KNOW, THE MEETING THE SECRETARY HAD THIS MORNING WITH THESE TWO PROMINENT AMERICANS AS A PART OF CONTINUING SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS THAT HE HAS HAD WITH A VARIETY OF PEOPLE CONCERNING OUR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THIS WAS A VERY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS FAR AS THE SECRETARY WAS CONCERNED. THE SECRETARY, OF COURSE, EXPLAINED OUR PROPOSAL AND WHAT IT IS WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN WORKING WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES IN TRYING TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS. AS YOU HAVE JUST HEARD FROM THE TWO GENTLEMEN WHO WERE HERE, THEY WERE ABLE TO EXPRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS OF THE PALESTINIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS OF PALESTINIANS, MORE GENERALLY.

SO, I THINK I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE REGION. THE SECRETARY WANTED TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS AND WE CONSIDER IT TO HAVE BEEN A USEFUL EXCHANGE.
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Q: DID THE SECRETARY SUBMIT ANY PARTICULAR IDEAS OR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO BE CARRIED ON TO THE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY?

A. THIS IS NOT A NEGOTIATING CHANNEL OR FRAMEWORK. IT IS, AS I DESCRIBED IT, AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN PEOPLE, IN THIS CASE, WHO HAVE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PALESTINIAN AMERICAN CONCERNS, AS WELL AS PALESTINIAN CONCERNS, AND IT WAS THAT KIND OF DISCUSSION.

Q: WILL HE MEET PALESTINIANS WHILE HE IS IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A: AS YOU KNOW THE SECRETARY HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT HE'S WILLING -- HE THINKS IT'S A NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE THING TO MEET WITH PALESTINIANS. AND SO OBVIOUSLY, HE'LL BE WILLING TO DO THAT WHEN HE'S IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT AT THIS POINT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING CONCERNING ANY PARTICULAR MEETINGS.

Q: CHUCK, ONE OF THE THINGS MR. SAID SAID WAS THAT -- OR THE OTHER PROFESSOR -- WAS THAT THE SECRETARY, IF HE WANTS TO MEET WITH PALESTINIANS SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO THE RIGHT ADDRESS -- TO THE PLO. WHAT DOES THE SECRETARY SAY

ABOUT THAT?

A. THE SECRETARY HAS SPOKEN MANY TIMES, INCLUDING AT THE AMERICAN COLONY HOTEL, ABOUT HIS PERSPECTIVE ON TALKING WITH PALESTINIANS AND SO I THINK I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

Q: CHUCK, HAS THERE BEEN CONCERN THAT THEY EXPRESSED TO THE SECRETARY ABOUT THE OCCUPATION AND ABOUT THE UPRISING AND THE OPPRESSIVE MEASURES WHICH ARE BEING TAKEN NOW BY ISRAEL (INAUDIBLE). DID HE EXPRESS HIS CONCERN? WHAT WAS THE SECRETARY'S REACTION TO THEIR CONCERNS?

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A: I THINK I'VE ESSENTIALLY GIVEN YOU WHAT I AVE ON OUR PARTICULAR VIEW OF THIS MEETING. I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE VARIOUS SPECIFIC SUBJECTS THAT WERE DISCUSSED. IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER GENERAL QUESTIONS I'LL TAKE THOSE, OTHERWISE LET'S...

Q DID THIS MEETING SET ANYTHING FOR NEXT'S WEEK VISIT, AT ALL?

A: NO, THIS WAS, AS I SAID, AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH TWO PROMINENT AMERICANS WHO HAVE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGION; THIS IS NOT DIRECTLY TIED TO ANYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING NEXT WEEK.

Q: THEY DIDN'T BRING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT.

A: NO, THEY BROUGHT NO MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT.

Q: DID THE SECRETARY MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE PLO IN MEETING WITH THESE TWO GENTLEMEN TODAY?

A: THESE GENTLEMEN DID NOT CHARACTERIZE THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE PLO.

Q: THE CHARTER OF THE PLO SAYS THAT THE PNC IS THE "HIGHEST AUTHORITY OF THE PLO."

A: I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THOSE KINDS OF ARGUMENTS, BUT AS WE SAID YEASTERDAY, OUR POLICY HAS IN NO WAY CHANGED CONCERNING MEETINGS WITH THE PLO. THESE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY. THAT'S THE WAY THEY DESCRIBED THEMSELVES. THAT'S WHAT WE BELIEVE THEY ARE.

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THAT'S HOW WE ACCEPT THEM.

Q: HOW DOES THE SECRETARY FEEL ABOUT THE REACTION OF SHAMIR TO THIS MEETING -- THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY?

A: I THINK I'VE EXPLAINED, IN ANSWER TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS, WHY WE BELIEVE THESE KINDS OF MEETINGS TO BE USEFUL. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR POSITION CONCERNING CONTACTS WITH THE PLO, WHICH REMAIN AS ALWAYS -- THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED.

Q: WHY HAS THE SECRETARY DECIDED TO GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A: WE HAVE SAID ALL ALONG THAT THE SECRETARY IS ALWAYS WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HE HAS DONE BEFORE, THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO DO AGAIN, IS TO GO TO THE REGION TO TALK WITH THE LEADERS DIRECTLY. AS A CONSEQUENCE HE'LL BE ARRIVING IN ISRAEL WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST STOP, SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 3. HE'LL BE IN THE REGION ABOUT A WEEK THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, AND THAT WILL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO, ONCE AGAIN, CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THIS PROCESS.

I'VE SAID MANY TIMES, AND THE SECRETARY HAS SAID, WE'RE INTENSELY INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN.

Q: IS HIS RETURN INDICATIVE OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS?

A: I WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT IN THE WAY I JUST HAVE. NO ONE HAS SAID NO. OUR PROPOSAL IS STILL ON THE TABLE.
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PEOPLE ARE ACTIVELY AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING IT. AND SO WHEN THE SECRETARY GOES BACK TO THE REGION HE'LL BE IN TOUCH, ONCE AGAIN, WITH THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AND THAT WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT IS THAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO WHICH IS TO SEE IF WE CAN'T BE HELPFUL IN GETTING THIS MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS UNDERWAY.

Q: WILL THE SECRETARY ISSUE AN INVITATION TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO THE DIFFERENT PARTIES WITH WHOM HE MEETS?

A: THE FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS -- AND WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN DEFINITIVE ANSWERS ON OUR PROPOSALS FROM THE VARIOUS PARTIES -- THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS IS TO GET PEOPLE TO SIGN ON AND THEN YOU ALL KNOW WHAT THE PROPOSAL IS ONCE WE GET TO THAT POINT, BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST.

Q: DID THE TWO GENTLEMEN THAT MR. SHULTZ MET WITH INDICATE ANY MORE WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF YASSAR ARAFAT, THE PLO, THE PNC TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO RENOUNCE TERRORISM, THAN HAD BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE THIS MEETING?

A: THEY HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON THOSE KINDS OF QUESTIONS AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU JUST POSED ALL THOSE QUESTIONS TO THEM. SO, I'LL LET THEM SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I THINK I'VE EXHAUSTED WHAT I CAN TELL YOU.

Q: CHUCK, JUST ONE OTHER QUESTION. DID THIS ELEVATE THE LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY?

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A: THIS WAS ANOTHER STEP IN A CONTINUING SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS. THE SECRETARY HAS MET WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE REGION. HE'S MET WITH ARAB AMERICANS, JEWISH AMERICANS, HE MET WITH THESE GENTLEMEN TODAY WHO WERE PALESTINIAN AMERICANS -- IT'S A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS.

ALL OF THAT IS VERY USEFUL TO SECRETARY AND I BELIEVE IT'S USEFUL TO THOSE PEOPLE, AS WELL, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE PROPOSING AND WHAT IT IS WE'RE TRYING TO DO. THE SECRETARY APPRECIATES HEARING A WIDE VARIETY OF VIEWS AND THE MEETING TODAY SHOULD BE SEEN IN THAT CONTEXT.

Q: WELL, THE PROFESSORS CAME OUT HERE TODAY AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS . . .

A: THANK YOU. SHULTZ

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SUBJECT: FOUR PALESTINIANS AND ONE ISRAELIS KILLED
DURING WEEKEND CLASHES

1. (U) SUMMARY: FIVE PALESTINIANS AND AN ISRAELI
SOLDIER WERE KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND (MARCH 19-20)
DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. IDF COUNT 99 DEAD SINCE DECEMBER 9.
SEVERAL ARAB HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED BY MILITARY
AUTHORITIES. ISRAEL INCREASES PUNITIVE MEASURES
IN ATTEMPTING TO QUELL THE UPRISING. SHABIBA
YOUTH MOVEMENT AND UNION MEMBERS ARRESTED. END
SUMMARY.

FIVE PALESTINIANS AND ONE SOLDIER KILLED; UPRISING
DEATH TOLL AT 99

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2. (U) FOUR PALESTINIANS AND ONE ISRAELI SOLDIER
WERE KILLED DURING PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE
WEST BANK OVER THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 19-20. THE
JERUSALEM POST REPORTED THAT THE UNOFFICIAL
PALESTINIAN DEATH TOLL FOR THE UPRISING AFTER 101
DAYS WAS 99. IN THE WAKE OF THE ESCALATING
UPRISING, ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE CHANGED THEIR
MODE OF OPERATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
MILITARY SOURCES SAID THAT THE IDF HAS ALREADY

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TOUGHENED THE ORDERS ON OPENING FIRE, ALLOWING SOLDIERS TO SHOOT AT IDENTIFIED DEMONSTRATORS WHO THROW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS.

-- ON MARCH 20 SOLDIERS SHOT AND KILLED NAMEQ MUHAMED HUSSEIN MILHEM, 23, AND WOUNDED A SECOND MAN AFTER THE TWO THREW A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL AT AN ARMY PATROL IN KUFR DAN, NEAR JENIN.

-- ON MARCH 20 MUHAMED MAHMOUD HAMED, 25, DIED AT THE AUGUSTA VICTORIA HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM AFTER HAVING BEEN SHOT AND WOUNDED DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN SILWAD VILLAGE, NEAR RAMALLAH ON MARCH 4.

-- ON MARCH 20 KHALED MUHAMED TAHER, 29, FROM NAZLET ISSA VILLAGE, NEAR TULKAREM, DIED FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING A CLASH WITH SOLDIERS ON MARCH 16.

-- ON MARCH 20 MUHAMED MAHMOUD SULEIMAN KHALED, 19, DIED AFTER BEING SHOT BY IDF SOLDIERS ON MARCH 18 IN EIN BEIT ILMA REFUGEE CAMP NEAR NABLUS WHEN HE TRIED TO ATTACK A SOLDIER.

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-- ALSO ON MARCH 20 AN IDF RESERVIST, MOSHE KATZ, 28, OF HAIFA, WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD AND DIED OF HIS WOUNDS WHILE STANDING GUARD AT A CIVAD OFFICE IN BETHLEHEM. THE JERUSALEM POST OBSERVED THAT HE WAS THE FIRST ISRAELI TO BE KILLED IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SINCE THE START OF THE UPRISING ON DECEMBER 9.

-- ON MARCH 20 AN IDF OFFICER WHO ENCOUNTERED STONE BARRICADES AND A GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS IN BEIT SAHOUR SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN. JOURNALISTS WHO OBSERVED THE INCIDENT SAID THAT THE OFFICER WAS WELL OUT OF THE STONE-THROWING RANGE OF THE CROWD AND WAS NOT IN ANY DANGER. THE CROWD ASSEMBLED FROM A MARCH DURING WHICH PROTESTERS RAISED A PALESTINIAN FLAG, ERECTED BARRICADES AND BURNED TIRES.

-- ON MARCH 19 SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PALESTINIANS, ONE SERIOUSLY IN QADDOURA REFUGEE CAMP, NEAR RAMALLAH HOSPITAL. EYEWITNESSES REPORTED THAT AN IDF HELICOPTER DROPPED GRAVEL ON DEMONSTRATORS IN THE CAMP.

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DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER INCIDENTS LITTER WEST BANK
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3. (U) ON MARCH 20 DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN
SEVERAL WEST BANK TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN RAMALLAH,

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EL-BIREH, AND AL-AMARI REFUGEE CAMP. STONES WERE THROWN AT POLICE STATIONS IN JENIN AND BETHLEHEM.

-- ON MARCH 19 SOLDIERS ARRESTED 14 PERSONS IN A RAID ON THE RAMALLAH HOSPITAL. IDF SPOKESMEN CLAIMED THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS USED AS A REFUGE BY DEMONSTRATORS. TV CREWS WERE ORDERED OUT OF THE AREA AND TAKEN TO RAMALLAH POLICE STATION AFTER RAMALLAH WAS DECLARED A CLOSED MILITARY AREA.

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-- ON MARCH 19 TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE THROWN AT AN ARMY PATROL IN SALFIT, AND A THIRD ONE WAS THROWN AT SOLDIERS IN HUWWARA, NEAR NABLUS. A FOURTH ONE WAS THROWN AT SOLDIERS SOUTH OF AZZAHIRIYEH NEAR HEBRON. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

EIGHT ARAB HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN THE WEST BANK

4. (U) IDF SOLDIERS DEMOLISHED EIGHT ARAB HOUSES IN THE WEST BANK ON MARCH 20.

-- AT OBEIDIYEH VILLAGE, NEAR BETHLEHEM, IDF SOLDIERS DEMOLISHED TWO HOMES BELONGING TO PALESTINIANS SUSPECTED OF ATTACKING VILLAGERS BELIEVED TO HAVE COLLABORATED WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

-- ARABIC PAPERS ADDED THAT ANOTHER SIX HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED IN SILET AL-HARTHIYEH VILLAGE, NEAR JENIN. OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSES WERE SUSPECTED OF THROWING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS ON ISRAELI SOLDIERS.

THE IDF CONTINUES ATTEMPTS TO REORDER MERCHANT HOURS

5. (U) SOLDIERS CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND TO FORCE SHOPOWNERS IN THE WEST BANK TO CLOSE THEIR SHOPS BETWEEN 8 AND 11 A.M., THE BUSINESS HOURS SET BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UPRISING. SOLDIERS USED TEAR GAS WHILE CLOSING SHOPS IN JENIN. IN

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NABLUS AND BETHLEHEM SOLDIERS ORDERED SHOPKEEPERS TO STAY SHUT. A LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED IN EAST JERUSALEM MARCH 20, ORDERED SHOPKEEPERS TO OPEN FROM 8 TO 11 A.M. INSTEAD OF THE 3 TO 6 P.M. BUSINESS HOURS OBSERVED UNTIL NOW.

CIVAD TIGHTENS SCREWS ON UPRISING BY CUTTING SERVICES

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6. (U) ON MARCH 20 LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THAT TELEPHONE LINKS TO QALQILYA, WHICH IS UNDER CURFEW, WERE CUT AND THAT ELECTRICITY IN ANZEH VILLAGE, BETWEEN TULKAREM AND QALQILYA, WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED A MILITARY CLOSED AREA, WAS ALSO CUT. PALESTINIAN SOURCES ADDED THAT DELIVERY OF FOOD SUPPLIES TO JENIN HAD BEEN BLOCKED AND LABORERS IN THE TOWN WERE BEING PREVENTED BY THE AUTHORITIES FROM GOING TO WORK IN ISRAEL.

SHABIBA YOUTH MOVEMENT OUTLAWED; MEMBERS ARRESTED

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7. (U) ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ARRESTED SUSPECTED MEMBERS OF THE SHABIBA YOUTH MOVEMENT WHICH THE IDF ACCUSED OF BEING A FATAH FRONT ORGANIZATION ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE UPRISING. THE DEFMIN RABIN DECLARED THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS NOW OUTLAWED IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE MOVE WAS DESIGNED TO STRIKE AT THE YOUTHFUL LEADERSHIP OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING.

IDF DISTRIBUTE WARNING LEAFLETS; ARREST UNION ACTIVISTS

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8. (U) IDF FORCES DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS IN TULKAREM WARNING AGAINST DISTURBANCES. THEY ARRESTED SEVERAL SUSPECTED ACTIVISTS AND ORDERED THE

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OFFICES OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' UNION IN TULKAREM CLOSED FOR TWO YEARS CHARGING THAT THEY WERE A CENTER FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. SEVERAL YOUTH CLUBS ACCUSED OF BEING ACTIVE IN THE UPRISING WERE ALSO CLOSED DOWN. A NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS INCLUDING A PALESTINE PRESS SERVICE REPORTER FROM TULKAREM, ADNAN DMEIRI, AND TWO OTHER JOURNALISTS WHO WORKED FOR THE COMMUNIST WEEKLY ATTALIA WERE AMONG THOSE ARRESTED.

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9. [REDACTED] IDF EFFORTS TO SQUEEZE THE LIFE OUT OF THE UPRISING BY ARRESTING ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ACTIVISM AND CUTTING SERVICES TO WEST BANK AREAS WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO FUEL PALESTINIAN BITTERNESS AND RESOLVE IN OPPOSING THE ISRAELIS. THE SUCCESSFUL SHOOTING OF AN IDF GUARD IN BETHLEHEM MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER IMITATORS AND RALLY YOUNGER PALESTINIANS IN MUCH THE SAME WAY THAT THE 1987 HANG-GLIDER ATTACK IN GALILEE DID.
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1. ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING
HOST GOVERNMENTS ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE PEACE PROCESS
DURING ISRAELI

PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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-- ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK SHAMIR MADE AN

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OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MARCH 14 - 17, 1988.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER MET WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. FOUR SEPARATE MEETINGS WERE

HELD BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY SHULTZ.

-- AS A RESULT OF OUR PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO LEAD TO AN EARLY OPENING TO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS, THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS WAS THE CENTRAL TOPIC OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TOLD THE ISRAELI CABINET THAT HE WANTED TO DISCUSS OUR PROPOSAL WITH US BEFORE SEEKING THE CABINET'S DECISION ON OUR PROPOSAL. THEREFORE, WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE A FORMAL RESPONSE.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZED IN ALL DISCUSSIONS OF THE PEACE PROCESS HIS STRONG DESIRE TO FIND A FRAMEWORK FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. HE THANKED US FOR OUR INVOLVEMENT AND ASKED US TO REMAIN FULLY ENGAGED.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER MADE CLEAR HIS STRONG RESERVATIONS

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CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF AN OPENING EVENT FOR DIRECT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS CONVENED JOINTLY BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AND WOULD SERIOUSLY STUDY SIMILAR PROPOSALS THAT MIGHT BE PRESENTED.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO EXPRESSED HIS PREFERENCE FOR A PROCESS ALONG THE LINES OF THE CAMP DAVID FRAMEWORK, ENVISAGING A FIVE YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES FOLLOWED BY FINAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY SHULTZ STRESSED THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, "THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SLICE THIS INITIATIVE APART AND WILL NOT ABANDON IT."

-- WE EMPHASIZED THAT OUR EFFORTS ARE BASED ON REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL WAYS TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION THAT WILL ASSURE THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS AND ACHIEVE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

-- WE WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE ANY PARTY INTO

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ACCEPTING OUR PROPOSAL AND WE DID NOT DO SO WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. IN OUR VIEW, THE PRESSURE ON DECISION MAKERS ARISES FROM THE SITUATION IN THE AREA, THE URGENT NEED TO CHANGE A STATUS QUO WHICH IS NO LONGER TENABLE, AND THE DEEP DESIRE FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY REMAIN COMMITTED TO MOVING THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD QUICKLY, BASED ON THE PROPOSAL WE HAVE PUT BEFORE THE PARTIES.

-- NONE OF THE PARTIES TO WHOM WE PRESENTED OUR PROPOSAL

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HAVE REJECTED IT. WE WILL REMAIN INVOLVED AS WE AWAIT THEIR DECISIONS. BUT, AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, "THOSE WHO WILL SAY NO TO THE U.S. PLAN -- AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT USED THIS WORD -- NEED NOT ANSWER TO US. THEY WILL NEED TO ANSWER TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR PEOPLE AS TO WHY THEY TURNED DOWN A REALISTIC AND SENSIBLE PLAN TO ACHIEVE NEGOTIATIONS."

-- IN THE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH WERE FRIENDLY AND OPEN, WE ALSO TOUCHED ON MANY ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP AND BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
END TEXT. SHULTZ

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AMB. GLEYSTEN: HANKUK ILBO FRONTPAGED BELOW THE FOLD
A SHORT REPORT FROM WASHDC CORRESPONDENT CHO SOONWHAN
SAYING THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN FIXED YET FOR AMB.
GLEYSTEN'S RETURN TO SEOUL.

THE STORY QUOTED DOS SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER AS
ACKNOWLEDGING HIS MEETING WITH GLEYSTEN ON 10/9,
AND ADDING THAT "NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR NOR I KNOW"
WHEN HE WILL RETURN TO KOREA. DONGA ILBO AND JOONGANG
ILBO CARRIED A WASHDC OP REPORT SAYING THAT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN TO REVIEW POLITICAL DEVELOP-
MENTS IN SOUTH KOREA CAUSED BY THE ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S
EXPULSION OF KIM YOUNGSAM, PRESIDENT OF THE OPPOSITION
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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

ALLEGING THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY SINCE
AMB. GLEYSTEN RETURNED TO WASHDC, THE REPORT SPECULATED
THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS REACHED NO CONCLUSION
YET.
THE OP STORY CITED A DOS OFFICIAL AS ANTICIPATING AN EARLY
CONCLUSION OF THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DOS AND THE
AMBASSADOR.

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THE SAME OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT GLEYSTEN IS NOT EXPECTED TO FLY BACK TO SEOUL VERY SOON, BUT THAT IF GLEYSTEN STAYS IN WASHDC A LONG TIME, IT WILL NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLITICAL INCIDENT IN SOUTH KOREA.

REMARKS BY A KOREAN OFFICIAL IN WASHDC FOLLOWED THE JOONGANG ILBO STORY, SAYING THAT GLEYSTEN'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON IS CONSTRUED AS NO MORE THAN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S EXPRESSION OF ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE KIM YOUNGSAM INCIDENT. THE SAME KOREAN OFFICIAL WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT GLEYSTEN WILL NOT CARRY WITH HIM, WHEN HE RETURN TO SEOUL, ANY REQUEST FROM WASHDC TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

AMB. MANSFIELD REMARKS: ALL VERNACULAR DAILIES GAVE DETAILED AND NEAR TOP FRONTPAGE COVERAGE TO A TOKYO HAPDONG ITEM THAT EXCERPTED AMB. MIKE MANSFIELD SAYING ON 10/9 THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA LIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC DEFENSE PERIMETER.

MANSFIELD'S STATEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY BASED ON THE FACT THAT SOUTH KOREA IS "ON THE ASIAN LAND MASS, AND THE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES HAS EXPERIENCED SEVERE DIFFICULTIES IN ITS TWO WARS FOUGHT ON THAT GROUND IN THE LAST 30 YEARS." THE STORY, HOWEVER, NOTED THE AMERICAN ENVOY TO JAPAN SID THAT HE HAS TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO PERSUADE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS THAT AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION SHOULD BE INCREASED TO GUARD AGAINST A SOVIET THREAT.

SEOUL SHINMUN POLITICAL COLUMN AND A FRONTPAGE REPORT IN THE KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN BOTH QUOTED A CONCERNED MOFA OFFICIAL AS COMMENTING THAT "IT (THE MANSFIELD REMARK) MERITS NO CONCERN BECAUSE AMB. MANSFIELD IS NOT A POLICYMAKER IN THE DOS."

THE SAME MOFA OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE ISSUE OF SOUTH KOREA'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE U.S. DEFENSE PERIMETER HAD BEEN COMPLETELY SETTLED SOMETIME AGO WHEN PRM-13 WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. REPORTS IN BOTH THE DONGA ILBO AND THE JOONGANG ILBO CITED A MOFA OFFICIAL AS INDICATING THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL CHECK ON THE ISSUE AT THE ROK-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK.

ACCORDING TO THE JOONGANG ILBO ITEM, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDS THE MANSFIELD COMMENT WITH GRAVE CONCERN, AND HAS INSTRUCTED THE KOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO LOOK INTO WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS TRUE. NO EDITORIAL COMMENTS APPEARED.

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WIRES ABOUT THE 10/9 CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE RECEIVED
TOP HEADLINE PLAY IN ALL AFTERNOON PAPERS' INTERNATIONAL
NEWS PAGES.

HEADLINES VARIED:

DONGA ILBO -- "U.S. POLICY WILL TAKE BOTH MODERATE AND
HARD LINE TO MOSCOW."

JOONGANG ILBO -- "IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT ANYWHERE OF U.S.
STRIKE FORCES IN TIME OF CONTINGENCY. JOAPJUQKNL SHINMUNF
VS "3 PERCENT INCREASE IN U.S. DEFENSE

BUDGET.

KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN -- "U.S. WILL DEPLOY PERSHING'S IN
EUROPE."

THE STORIES ALL NOTED THE CARTER STATEMENT IN THE
PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE
EVERY MEASURE, INCLUDING A 3 PERCENT INCREASE OF THE
DEFENSE BUDGET, TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES THE STRONGEST
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NATION IN THE WORLD.

THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION
WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO CURB DOMESTIC INFLATION, AND SAID
THAT UNITED STATES WILL REJECT ANY COMPROMISE WITH AND/OR
UNLESS AND UNTIL ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST IS RECOGNIZED.

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OTHER MAJOR POINTS COVERED IN THE REPORTS INCLUDE: THAT
THE SOVIET DECISION TO PULL SOME 1,000 TANKS OUT OF THE

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EASTERN EUROPEAN REGION SEEMS NOT TO BE A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE IDEA, AND SUCH A MOVE BY THE KREMLIN IS DESIGNED TO CONTINUE ITS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THE WEST SUSPEND ITS ARMS MODERNIZATION PLANS; THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT LINK THE VALUE OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR TO THE PRICE OF GOLD IN A BID TO PROTECT THE DOLLAR AND STABILIZE THE GOLD PRICES.

DONGA ILBO RAN A WASHDC OP ITEM WHICH REPORTED ADDITIONAL CARTER REMARKS SAYING THAT HE WILL MAKE PUBLIC ON 12/4 WHETHER HE WILL RUN IN THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THAT HE WILL DESIGNATE WALTER MONDALE AS HIS RUNNING MATE IF HE DECIDES TO RUN.

MOSCOW FEAR U.S. PERSHING MISSILES: BOTH HANKUK ILBO AND KOREA HERALD RAN A DETAILED MOSCOW UPI ACCOUNT REPORTING THAT THE KREMLIN WILL RETALIATE AGAINST ANY DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING MISSILES BY NATO.

SOURCING THE INFORMATION TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED 10/8 BY THE SOVIET UNION AND EAST GERMANY, THE REPORT SAID THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN PERSHING MISSILES WILL PROVOKE AN ARMS RACE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

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ACCORDING TO THE ITEM, ANOTHER PART OF THE JOINT STATEMENT CALLED UPON THE NATO COUNTRIES TO "GIVE UP THEIR DESIGNS" REGARDING THE MISSILES. DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES, THE REPORT SAID, WILL TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF THE PERSHING 2 MISSILES AT A COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS IN DECEMBER.

ROK EYES COLOR TV PLANTS IN U.S.: ENG-LANG KOREA TIMES ECONOMIC NEWS PAGE PLACED AS SECOND LEAD A REPORT THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT COLOR TV ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES TO OFFSET U.S. IMPORT LIMITS.

THE GOVERNMENT PLAN, DESIGNED TO PROMOTE EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, REPORTEDLY INCLUDES BUILDING PLANTS IN LATIN AMERICA FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC APPLIANCES SUCH AS RECORD PLAYERS, TV SETS AND REFRIGERATORS. SOUTH KOREA WILL MAKE HALF-FINISHED COLOR TV PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF THE U.S. RESTRICTION ON IMPORTS OF KOREAN-MADE ITEMS, THE REPORT SAID.

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THE ROK MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS ALLEGEDLY BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH AN EXPORT QUOTA FOR SEMI-MANUFACTURED ITEMS WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE.

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THE REPORT ADDED: "IF CONSULTATIONS WITH STEPHEN L. LANDE,
CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE

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FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS, WHO IS COMING TO KOREA 10/15, ARE
SUCCESSFUL, SOURCES SAID, KOREA WILL START CONSTRUCTION
OF THE ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES."

THE REPORT CITED AN INFORMED SOURCE AS INDICATING THAT
KOREA WOULD ASK THE U.S. DELEGATION TO SET THE IMPORT
QUOTA FOR SEMI-MANUFACTURES AT AS MUCH AS 640,000

ITS A YEAR, THE LEVEL FOR TAIWAN, DURING THE COLOR
TV NEGOTIATIONS.

WATCHLIST: NO COVERAGE SOVIET TROOPS IN CUBA, SALT
DEBATE, CAMBODIA DEVELOPMENTS, VANCE 9/27 SPEECH.
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SUBJECT: OLSZOWSKI'S MOSCOW VISIT SIGNALS CONTINUITY
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1. SUMMARY: POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S
VISIT SIGNALLED CONTINUITY RATHER THAN CHANGE IN

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SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS. IN A TELEVISED TASS INTERVIEW,
OLSZOWSKI CALLED BREZHNEV A "GREAT FRIEND OF POLAND"
AND INTONED STANDARD PHRASES ABOUT POLAND'S FIDELITY
TO THE EAST BLOC. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, DEVOTED
PRIMARILY TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, SAYS THE GROMYKO-
OLSZOWSKI TALKS FOCUSED ON "CONCRETIZATION" OF EARLIER
AGREEMENTS--SUGGESTING THAT AGREED POLICY ON HOW
TO DEAL WITH POLAND'S PROBLEMS HAS NOT CHANGED,
BUT THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE PUSHING THE POLFS TO

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MAKE THE POLICY YIELD TANGIBLE RESULTS. . END SUMMARY.

2. (LOU) BOTH OLSZOWSKI'S TASS INTERVIEW, TELEVISED SEPTEMBER 14 ON "VREMYA," AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 15 IN PRAVDA AND OTHER SOVIET DAILIES, SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED WASHINGTON READERS ON TIS WIRE.

OLSZOWSKI INTERVIEW: TELLING SOVIETS WHAT THEY LIKE

TO HEAR

3. (LOU) AS HIS PREDECESSOR CZYREK DID WHEN HE VISITED MOSCOW IN JANUARY (REF A), OLSZOWSKI GAVE TASS AN INTERVIEW WHICH SERVED BOTH POLISH AND SOVIET PURPOSES BY ASSURING SOVIET TV VIEWERS THAT POLAND CONTINUES TO PLAY ITS PART AS A FULL MEMBER OF EAST BLOC INSTITUTIONS.

4. (LOU) OLSZOWSKI SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT:

-- HIS TALKS WITH GROMYKO WERE "USEFUL," TOOK PLACE IN A "FRIENDLY" ATMOSPHERE, AND REVEALED "FULL UNITY OF VIEWS" ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL

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ISSUES;

-- LEONID BREZHNEV IS A "GREAT FRIEND OF POLAND";

-- THE POLISH-SOVIET ALLIANCE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF POLAND'S "SUPREME INTERESTS";

-- U.S. POLICY IS AIMED AT SECURING MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE USSR.

JOINT COMMUNIQUE: FULFILLING PRIOR AGREEMENTS

5. [REDACTED] ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS ALMOST ENTIRELY BACKWARD-LOOKING: IT REFERS TO THE "AGREEMENTS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" REACHED DURING JARUZELSKI'S VISITS TO THE USSR IN MARCH AND AUGUST, AND SAYS THAT "CONCRETIZATION" OF THESE AGREEMENTS FIGURED IN THE TALKS.

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE REFERENCE TO "CONCRETIZATION" SUGGESTS THAT EARLIER AGREEMENTS ARE STILL IN EFFECT BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED. IT MAY INDICATE SOVIET IMPATIENCE WITH THE DEGREE TO WHICH JARUZELSKI HAS FAILED TO BRING POLISH POLITICAL PROBLEMS -- ESPECIALLY REESTABLISHING THE PARTY -- AND THE ECONOMY

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UNDER CONTROL. END COMMENT.

7. [REDACTED] OLSZOWSKI SAID THE POLISH NATION WAS GRATEFUL FOR BREZHNEV'S AUGUST 16 PLEDGE THAT THE USSR WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP POLAND ECONOMICALLY "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITY" -- A TOKEN PERHAPS OF POLAND'S RECOGNITION THAT SOVIET AID HAS ITS LIMITS.

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... --YREK'S JANUARY VISIT TO MOSCOW,
8. AS AFTER CZYREK'S JANUARY VISIT TO MOSCOW,
A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS DEVOTED
TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THE TWO SIDES REITERATED
STANDARD SOVIET POSITIONS ON INF (U.S. SHOULD BE
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"REALISTIC"); CSCE (NNA DOCUMENT SINGLED OUT FOR
PRAISE); MBFR (WEST IS SEEKING ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES);
UNGA (ARMS CONTROL ISSUES ARE PARAMOUNT); AND THE
MIDDLE EAST (ISRAEL CONDEMNED FOR ACTIONS IN LEBANON).

9. (C) COMMENT: THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF
OLSZOWSKI'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO WAS TYPICALLY OPAQUE,
AND WE ARE UNLIKELY TO OBTAIN A SATISFYING FEED-OUT
FROM EITHER SIDE. IF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN

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POLAND AND QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO DO IN THE WAKE
OF AUGUST 31 WERE DISCUSSED, AS WE IMAGINE THEY
WERE, NO LIGHT WAS SHED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS. THE
TWO MINISTERS MAY HAVE CONFERRED ON HOW TO HANDLE
POLAND-RELATED PROBLEMS AT THE UNGA AND AT MADRID.
END COMMENT. HARTMAN


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2. SUMMARY: THE POLISH-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER JARUZELSKI'S CRIMEAN MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AUGUST 16 CLAIMS THAT "POSITIVE CHANGES" ARE PROCEEDING IN POLAND, MAKES THE UNITED STATES A SCAPEGOAT FOR POLAND'S CONTINUING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND RESTATES THE USSR'S READINESS TO CONTINUE ITS ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR POLAND "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITY." THE POLISH SIDE WON REFERENCES TO THE NINTH (EXTRAORDINARY)

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PARTY CONGRESS AND TO THE "HISTORICAL" AS WELL AS "SOCIALIST" VALUES OF POLAND, AND WAS NOT COMPELLED TO ENDORSE A LAUNDRY LIST OF SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVES. THE MEETING, IN WHICH CHERNENKO AND GROMYKO TOOK PART, IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A "CORDIAL" ATMOSPHERE AND TO HAVE BEEN MARKED BY "COMPLETE UNITY OF VIEWS" WHICH SUGGESTS IT WENT RATHER MORE SMOOTHLY THAN LAST YEAR'S MEETING BETWEEN BREZHNEV, JARUZELSKI AND KANIA. THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN POLAND MUST HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT WERE NOT EXPLICITLY MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT EITHER SOVIET OR POLISH POLICY HAS CHANGED. END SUMMARY.

JARUZELSKI STRIKES A BALANCED NOTE

3. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING JARUZELSKI'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AUGUST 17 QUOTES JARUZELSKI AS CLAIMING THAT AS A RESULT OF BOTH THE "EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES" (READ: MARTIAL LAW) AS WELL AS THE "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY" OF THE POLISH LEADERSHIP UNDERTAKEN "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NINTH CONGRESS" OF THE PZPR, "POSITIVE CHANGES" ARE

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GRADUALLY TAKING PLACE IN POLAND. THE POLISH PARTY IS STRENGTHENING ITS TIES WITH THE WORKING CLASS (A SOVIET DESIDERATUM) AND WITH "ALL WORKING PEOPLE." A MOVEMENT FOR "NATIONAL REBIRTH" IS UNDERWAY, WHICH WILL UNITE "ALL POLISH PATRIOTS" WHO HOLD DEAR THE "HISTORICAL AND SOCIALIST" VALUES OF POLAND.

COMMENT: IN THIS PASSAGE, THE LEAD SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE, JARUZELSKI ARGUES THE CORRECTNESS OF HIS REGIME'S COURSE IN TERMS WHICH GIVE EQUAL WEIGHT TO MARTIAL LAW AND THE REFORM COURSE SET DOWN BY THE NINTH (EXTRAORDINARY) CONGRESS LAST JULY. ALTHOUGH THE WORDS "REFORM" OR "RENEWAL" DO NOT APPEAR, THE MENTION OF "NATIONAL REBIRTH" MAY BE A WAY OF SECURING SOVIET RECOGNITION FOR A RELATIVELY MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD COURSE. BY STRESSING "HISTORICAL" AS WELL AS "SOCIALIST" VALUES, JARUZELSKI IS ASSERTING THE IMPORTANCE OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY POLISH. END COMMENT.


U.S. BLAMED FOR CONTINUING PROBLEMS

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4. AS FOR THE PROBLEMS STILL EXISTING IN POLAND, JARUZELSKI ADMITS THAT THE "HEAVY CONSEQUENCES"

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OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS ARE STILL BEING
FELT, AND HE BLAMES A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY
UNDERGROUND" INSPIRED AND SUPPORTED FROM OUTSIDE,
ESPECIALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES, FOR SLOWING
DOWN THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY, WHILE CLAIMING THAT
POLISH SOCIETY IS OVERCOMING THE EXISTING
DIFFICULTIES. THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN POLAND



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ARE NOT REFERRED TO EXPLICITLY.

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5. THE TWO LEADERS JOINTLY NOTE SOVIET-POLISH TIES
IN ALL "BASIC AREAS" ARE BEING STRENGTHENED--WHICH

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SUGGESTS THERE REMAIN SOME PROBLEM AREAS, PROBABLY
IN CULTURAL LIFE AND THE MEDIA--ON THE BASIS OF
"SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM", "RESPECT FOR
SOVEREIGNTY" AND "FRIENDLY MUTUAL ASSISTANCE,"
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "AGREEMENT" REACHED IN
MARCH OF THIS YEAR, DURING JARUZELSKI'S EARLIER
VISIT. THE "DEEPENING" OF SOVIET AND OTHER CEMA
COOPERATION IS SAID TO CREATE "PROSPECTS" FOR THE
SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLISH ECONOMY.

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JARUZELSKI IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT POLISH SOCIETY WILL NOT LET ITSELF BE DECEIVED BY "INSINUATIONS" THAT THE USSR IS INTERFERING IN POLISH AFFAIRS, AND DEFINES "SOVIET INTERFERENCE" (IRONICALLY) AS "STABLE DELIVERIES OF RAW MATERIALS" AND OTHER FORMS OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, FOR WHICH POLAND IS THANKFUL. BREZHNEV IN RETURN STRESSES THAT THE USSR WILL CONTINUE TO HELP POLAND ECONOMICALLY "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITY."

COMMENT: THE SOVIET REFERENCE TO CONSTRAINTS ON THE USSR'S ABILITY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO POLAND SUGGESTS A SOVIET EFFORT TO LOWER POLISH EXPECTATIONS RE THE LEVEL OF SOVIET TRADE AID AND CREDIT, AND MAY ALSO BE MEANT TO REASSURE THE SOVIET CONSUMER THAT HIS INTERESTS HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN. THE REFERENCE TO DEEPENING OF POLISH-CEMA TIES IS IN FACT BELIED BY THE REDUCTION IN THE TRADE DEFICIT THAT POLAND WAS ALLOWED TO INCUR BY ITS CEMA PARTNERS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1982. AT A TIME OF SOVIET ECONOMIC STRAIN, POLAND IS EXPECTED TO LOOK WITHIN OR TO THE WEST TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF NEW CAPITAL TO FINANCE ITS RECOVERY. THE FORTHCOMING CEMA SUMMIT IS NOT MENTIONED AS IT WAS IN THE HUSAK COMMUNIQUE.

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END COMMENT.

U.S. SANCTIONS CONDEMNED

6. THE INTERNATIONAL PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE IS DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO A CONDEMNATION OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. THE TWO LEADERS ACCUSE THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF VIOLATING NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE U.N. CHARTER BY APPLYING "UNPRECEDENTED PRESSURE" ON POLAND WITH ITS SANCTIONS POLICY--A POLICY WHICH WILL "BOOMERANG" ON ITS AUTHORS, THEY CLAIM. THE TWO COUNTRIES REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE CONCEPT OF EAST-WEST TRADE ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE.

COMMENT: THE POLISH SIDE MAY HAVE WANTED A REFERENCE TO EAST-WEST TRADE TO BALANCE THE EARLIER EMPHASIS ON THE VALUE OF POLISH TRADE WITH CEMA. END COMMENT.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

7. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF POLAND IN EUROPEAN HISTORY AND NOTES THAT WITH ITS POLICY OF "PEACE AND GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS" AND ROLE AS AN "INSEPARABLE LINK" IN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY,

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POLAND CONTRIBUTES TO THE STABILITY OF POST-WAR
EUROPE, AND TO THE "INVIOABILITY" OF EXISTING
BORDERS. THERE IS NO "LAUNDRY LIST" OF SOVIET
PEACE INITIATIVES, BUT BOTH SIDES EXPRESS THEIR
SUPPORT FOR SLOWING DOWN THE ARMS RACE AND AVERTING
A WORLD WAR. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESS THEIR "CONCERN"
OVER THE OUTBREAK OF "SHARP CONFLICT SITUATIONS"

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IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR LEBANON,
FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS BLAMED ALONG WITH
ISRAEL.

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8. BREZHNEV'S MEETING WITH JARUZELSKI YESTERDAY
IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A "CORDIAL" ATMOSPHERE
AND TO HAVE "CONFIRMED" THE "COMPLETE UNITY OF
VIEWS" OF THE TWO SIDES ON BOTH BILATERAL AND
INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. COMMENT: THIS IS A
SIGNIFICANTLY MORE POSITIVE CHARACTERIZATION THAN LAST
YEAR, WHEN THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT EVEN IMMEDIATELY
FORTHCOMING, AND THERE WAS ONLY "COMRADELY MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING" IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRATERNAL

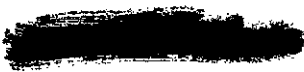
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FRIENDSHIP." END COMMENT.

COMMENT

9. IN THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY, BREZHNEV AND JARUZELSKI MADE NO STRIKING DEPARTURES FROM THE POLICIES THEY HAVE ADHERED TO SINCE MARTIAL LAW TOOK EFFECT LAST DECEMBER. THE POLISH SIDE APPEARS TO HAVE MAINTAINED ITS GROUND IN INSISTING THAT POLISH PROBLEMS ARE AN INTERNAL MATTER THAT WILL REQUIRE A SOLUTION TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POLISH CONDITIONS, AND, BY CLEARING THE COMMUNIQUE, THE SOVIET SIDE APPARENTLY ACCEPTS THIS, ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION CANNOT BE RULED OUT. BOTH SIDES FOUND IT USEFUL TO FINGER THE UNITED STATES AS A SCAPEGOAT FOR POLAND'S CONTINUING PROBLEMS. IN SUM, WE SEE NO INDICATION THAT SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE POLISH PROBLEM HAS CHANGED. END COMMENT.
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- POLAND

1. SUMMARY: PRAVDA TODAY CONTAINS A LONG CRITIQUE
OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY
VIS-A-VIS POLAND, CO-SIGNED BY CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTS VITALY KOBISH AND VALENTIN
FALIN. ENTITLED "POLITICAL WILDERNESS" THE PIECE APPEARS
TO HAVE THREE AIMS: 1) TO MARK -- NEGATIVELY -- THE

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ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INAUGURATION; 2) TO
MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE SOVIET REACTION TO THE NATO
DECLARATION ON POLAND WITH AN EYE TO INFLUENCING
EUROPEAN AUDIENCES; AND 3) TO LAY OUT SOVIET COMPLAINTS
ABOUT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY A WEEK BEFORE THE HAIG-GROMYKO
MEETING IN GENEVA. IF THERE IS A MESSAGE TO THE U.S.,
IT IS THAT THE USSR WON'T BE PUSHED AROUND ON POLAND:
THEY CLAIM WE ARE BLUFFING AND WANT US TO DROP THE
BLUFF AND GET DOWN TO THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF CURBING

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THE ARMS RACE. THE U.S. "THREAT" TO WALK OUT OF THE INF TALKS IS DESCRIBED AS "HOLLOW" SO FAR, ALTHOUGH THE AUTHORS DO NOT RULE OUT SUCH A MOVE. AS FOR NEW U.S. SANCTIONS, THE ARTICLE SAYS THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN "CLEARLY OUTLINED" -- BUT INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS HALF EXPECT ANOTHER SHOE TO DROP. END SUMMARY.

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2. [REDACTED] THE MAIN POINTS OF THE KOBYSH - FALIN ARTICLE ARE:

-- THE REAGAN FOREIGN POLICY IS ONE OF "BLACKMAIL AND TYRANNY" AND RELIANCE ON STRENGTH

THE NATO DECLARATION ON POLAND MARKED THE BEGINNING
-- OF A "SECOND COLD WAR," WITH THE WEST EUROPEANS,
-- SOME WILLINGLY, SOME NOT, SINGING ACCOMPANIMENT
-- TO THE U.S. "IMPERIAL BASS;"

-- IN THE FIRST TWO DECADES AFTER WORLD WAR TWO, THE
-- U.S. TRIED TO SHAPE THE WORLD TO ITS LIKING,
-- ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND ENGAGING IN "ARMED ADVENTURES"
-- IN WHICH "MILLIONS" WERE KILLED; TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE
-- KILLED IN CONFLICT SINCE WWII WERE KILLED BY
-- AMERICAN WEAPONS AND WITH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION,
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-- ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE;

-- THE HAIG-REAGN POLICY IS A THROWBACK TO THAT
-- EARLIER POLICY;

-- THE HALLMARK OF DETENTE IS THE READINESS OF BOTH
-- SIDES "TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS," TO
-- "WIDEN AREAS OF AGREEMENT" AND, IN AREAS OF NON-
-- AGREEMENT, "TO REFRAIN FROM USING FORCE OR THE
-- THREAT OF FORCE;"

-- AMERICAN "PROPHETS OF THE CULT OF STRENGTH" WOULD
-- LIKE TO SEE DETENTE AS A "DISCARDED WAY-STATISON"
-- IN THE "ETERNAL MAELSTROM OF STRUGGLE" THAT DOES
-- NOT EXCLUDE "NEW CATASTROPHIC WARS "

-- THE TIME TO "ROLL BACK COMMUNISM" WAS, IT
-- WOULD SEEM, WHEN THE U.S. HAD AN ATOMIC MONOPOLY,
-- BUT TODAY'S AMERICAN LEADERS EXPLAIN THE FAILURE
-- TO DO SO BY CITING "INCONSISTENCY" AND A "LACK
-- OF DECISIVENESS" ON THE PART OF THEIR PREDECESSORS;

-- A YEAR AGO AT HIS INAUGURATION, PRESIDENT REAGAN
-- SAID HE WOULD NOT "LACK DECISIVENESS," THAT A "NEW
-- ERA" WAS BEGINNING. THE MEANING OF THESE WORDS IS
-- NOW GETTING THROUGH TO AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS:

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- SOCIAL PROGRAMS ARE BEING CUT WHILE THE MILITARY
- BUDGET SOARS;

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- QUESTIONS OF PEACE AND WAR, THE FATES OF NATIONS
- AND STATES, ARE DECIDED IN WASHINGTON AS IF THEY
- WERE DEBITS AND CREDITS;

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- POLES AND POLAND ARE ONE SUCH ISSUE: WHAT WILL
- PROFIT THE U.S. AND HURT THE COMPETITION?

- THE U.S. WANTS TO USE POLAND TO WEAKEN THE
- SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH AND MAKE IT EASIER TO
- PUSH THROUGH THE "MOST SENSELESS MILITARY PROGRAMS,"
- THE NEWEST ONE BEING THE "MASSIVE PRODUCTION" OF
- CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

-- THIS IS THE REALITY, COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH

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- THE PICTURE OUTLINED IN THE BRUSSELS DECLARATION.

3. HERE THE AUTHORS TURN TO A REVIEW OF THE
"HYPOCRISY" AND GENERAL WICKEDNESS OF U.S. POLICY
IN AFGHANISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE
EAST, NORTHERN IRELAND, KOREA, LATIN AND CENTRAL
AMERICA, AS WELL AS U.S. INTERNAL ISSUES: RACIAL
VIOLENCE IN FLORIDA, THE AIR CONTROLLERS' STRIKE,
AND SO ON. THE EMPHASIS IS ON AMERICAN USE AND

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TOLERANCE OF VIOLENCE WHEN IT SERVES U.S. INTERESTS. BUT THE MAIN ISSUE IS POLAND, TO WHICH THE ARTICLE QUICKLY RETURNS.

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4. [REDACTED] THE NATO DECLARATION ON POLAND, ACCORDING TO KOBYSH AND FALIN, TOLD THE USSR IT HAS "NO RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE PATH OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF POLAND," BUT THE USSR "DID NOT AND DOES NOT CLAIM" SUCH A RIGHT. BUT DOES THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAVE THIS RIGHT? APPARENTLY NOTWC ZTIE SOVEREIGN POLISH STATE SHOULD DO ONLY WHAT NATO DICTATES TO IT," THE AUTHORS SAY WITH BITTER IRONY. CONTINUING, THEY SAY THAT:

- THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS TALK ABOUT "RENEWAL,"
- "REFORM," "CONCILIATION," "GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS"
- AND THE LIKE, BUT THEIR REAL AIM IS TO "UNDERMINE
- THE SOCIALIST FOUNDATIONS OF THE POLISH STATE;"
- THE NATO LEADERS SEEM TO LACK A SENSE OF TIME AND
- SPACE: DO THEY REALLY THINK ANYONE WILL TAKE
- THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT
- SERIOUSLY?

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- CLEARLY THE U.S. WANTS TO DAMAGE SOCIALISM. BUT
- IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
- WILL FIRMLY OPPOSE ANY SUCH ATTEMPTS;
- THE NATO DECLARATION TACITLY ADMITS THAT THE
- POLISH CRISIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT FROM WITHOUT:
- IT WAS THE RESULT OF A DEAL BETWEEN EXTERNAL AND
- INTERNAL REACTION.
- THE MEASURES TAKEN "TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR" IN POLAND
- WERE "MORE THAN JUSTIFIED AND TIMELY," THEY WERE
- NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR POLAND BUT FOR THE EUROPEAN
- PEACE;
- THOSE, ESPECIALLY IN WESTERN EUROPE, WHO ARE
- BERATING THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, WOULD DO BETTER
- TO CONFESS THAT THE THREAT (OF CIVIL WAR IN POLAND)
- HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM THE WHOLE CONTINENT;
- IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER NATO CAPITALS, THEY
- ARE WONDERING "HOW TO MAKE THE WINTER COLDER" AND
- HOW TO PREVENT "A THAW" EVEN IN THE SPRING;
- THE "CONTOURS" OF NEW SANCTIONS HAVE NOT YET
- BEEN OUTLINED, BUT SO FAR THE AMERICAN THREAT
- TO WALK OUT OF THE GENEVA TALKS "RINGS HOLLOW."

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- THE IMPRESSION IS, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMERICANS
- ARE PREPARING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION FOR SUCH A
- STEP;
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- WHAT TO EXPECT NOW? ONE WOULD HOPE THAT A BIT
- OF LIGHT WOULD PENETRATE THE HEADS OF WESTERN

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- STATESMEN: RAGE IS A BAD COUNSELOR, AND BLUFF IS
- APPROPRIATE AT POKER BUT NOT IN "SERIOUS POLITICS;"
- THE USSR IS NOT LOOKING FOR QUARRELS, BUT HE WHO
- WANTS TO PICK A FIGHT WITH US SHOULD KNOW HE WILL
- NOT WIN ANYTHING, AS HISTORY SINCE 1917 SHOWS;
- WAR, THE THREAT OF WAR, WON'T SOLVE ANY PROBLEM OF
- HUMANITY; A POLICY OF FORCE IS A RELIC OF THE PAST
- WHICH HINDERS LIFE TODAY AND DEFORMS THE FUTURE.
- IGNORING THIS TRUTH, AMERICAN LEADERS ARE LOSING

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- THEIR FOOTING, WALKING IN A POLITICAL WILDERNESS;
- SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WILL LIVE BY THEIR OWN LIGHTS:
- THE PRICE PAID TO DEFEND THIS RIGHT WAS HIGH, AND
- WE WILL NOT TAKE THE ADVICE OF "UNBIDDEN INSTRUCTORS,
- WHO TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO EXPLAIN TO US WHERE
- OUR SECURITY BEGINS AND ENDS. WE KNOW THAT BETTER
- OURSELVES. HARTMAN

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1. SUMMARY: POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S
VISIT SIGNALLED CONTINUITY RATHER THAN CHANGE IN

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SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS. IN A TELEVISED TASS INTERVIEW,
OLSZOWSKI CALLED BREZHNEV A "GREAT FRIEND OF POLAND"
AND INTONED STANDARD PHRASES ABOUT POLAND'S FIDELITY
TO THE EAST BLOC. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, DEVOTED
PRIMARILY TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, SAYS THE GROMYKO-
OLSZOWSKI TALKS FOCUSED ON "CONCRETIZATION" OF EARLIER
AGREEMENTS--SUGGESTING THAT AGREED POLICY ON HOW
TO DEAL WITH POLAND'S PROBLEMS HAS NOT CHANGED,
BUT THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE PUSHING THE POLES TO

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MAKE THE POLICY YIELD TANGIBLE RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

2. () BOTH OLSZOWSKI'S TASS INTERVIEW, TELEVISED SEPTEMBER 14 ON "VREMYA," AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 15 IN PRAVDA AND OTHER SOVIET DAILIES, SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED WASHINGTON READERS ON TIS WIRE.

OLSZOWSKI INTERVIEW: TELLING SOVIETS WHAT THEY LIKE

TO HEAR

3. () AS HIS PREDECESSOR CZYREK DID WHEN HE VISITED MOSCOW IN JANUARY (REF A), OLSZOWSKI GAVE TASS AN INTERVIEW WHICH SERVED BOTH POLISH AND SOVIET PURPOSES BY ASSURING SOVIET TV VIEWERS THAT POLAND CONTINUES TO PLAY ITS PART AS A FULL MEMBER OF EAST BLOC INSTITUTIONS.

4. () OLSZOWSKI SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT:

-- HIS TALKS WITH GROMYKO WERE "USEFUL," TOOK PLACE IN A "FRIENDLY" ATMOSPHERE, AND REVEALED "FULL UNITY OF VIEWS" ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL

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ISSUES;

-- LEONID BREZHNEV IS A "GREAT FRIEND OF POLAND";

-- THE POLISH-SOVIET ALLIANCE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF POLAND'S "SUPREME INTERESTS";

-- U.S. POLICY IS AIMED AT SECURING MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE USSR.

JOINT COMMUNIQUE: FULFILLING PRIOR AGREEMENTS

5. () ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS ALMOST ENTIRELY BACKWARD-LOOKING: IT REFERS TO THE "AGREEMENTS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" REACHED DURING JARUZELSKI'S VISITS TO THE USSR IN MARCH AND AUGUST, AND SAYS THAT "CONCRETIZATION" OF THESE AGREEMENTS FIGURED IN THE TALKS.

6. () COMMENT: THE REFERENCE TO "CONCRETIZATION" SUGGESTS THAT EARLIER AGREEMENTS ARE STILL IN EFFECT BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED. IT MAY INDICATE SOVIET IMPATIENCE WITH THE DEGREE TO WHICH JARUZELSKI HAS FAILED TO BRING POLISH POLITICAL PROBLEMS -- ESPECIALLY REESTABLISHING THE PARTY -- AND THE ECONOMY

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UNDER CONTROL. END COMMENT.

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7. [REDACTED] OLSZOWSKI SAID THE POLISH NATION WAS GRATEFUL FOR BREZHNEV'S AUGUST 16 PLEDGE THAT THE USSR WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP POLAND ECONOMICALLY "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITY" -- A TOKEN PERHAPS OF POLAND'S RECOGNITION THAT SOVIET AID HAS ITS LIMITS.

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8. (LOU) AS AFTER CZYREK'S JANUARY VISIT TO MOSCOW,
A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS DEVOTED
TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THE TWO SIDES REITERATED
STANDARD SOVIET POSITIONS ON INF (U.S. SHOULD BE
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"REALISTIC"); CSCE (NNA DOCUMENT SINGLED OUT FOR
PRAISE); MBFR (WEST IS SEEKING ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES);
UNGA (ARMS CONTROL ISSUES ARE PARAMOUNT); AND THE
MIDDLE EAST (ISRAEL CONDEMNED FOR ACTIONS IN LEBANON).

9. (C) COMMENT: THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF
OLSZOWSKI'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO WAS TYPICALLY OPAQUE,
AND WE ARE UNLIKELY TO OBTAIN A SATISFYING READ-OUT
FROM EITHER SIDE. IF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN

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POLAND AND QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO DO IN THE WAKE
OF AUGUST 31 WERE DISCUSSED, AS WE IMAGINE THEY
WERE, NO LIGHT WAS SHED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS. THE
TWO MINISTERS MAY HAVE CONFERRED ON HOW TO HANDLE
POLAND-RELATED PROBLEMS AT THE UNGA AND AT MADRID.
END COMMENT. HARTMAN


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1. ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY: THE POLISH-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER JARUZELSKI'S CRIMEAN MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AUGUST 16 CLAIMS THAT "POSITIVE CHANGES" ARE PROCEEDING IN POLAND, MAKES THE UNITED STATES A SCAPEGOAT FOR POLAND'S CONTINUING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND RESTATES THE USSR'S READINESS TO CONTINUE ITS ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR POLAND "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITY." THE POLISH SIDE WON REFERENCES TO THE NINTH (EXTRAORDINARY)


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PARTY CONGRESS AND TO THE "HISTORICAL" AS WELL AS "SOCIALIST" VALUES OF POLAND, AND WAS NOT COMPELLED TO ENDORSE A LAUNDRY LIST OF SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVES. THE MEETING, IN WHICH CHERNENKO AND GROMYKO TOOK PART, IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A "CORDIAL" ATMOSPHERE AND TO HAVE BEEN MARKED BY "COMPLETE UNITY OF VIEWS" WHICH SUGGESTS IT WENT RATHER MORE SMOOTHLY THAN LAST YEAR'S MEETING BETWEEN BREZHNEV, JARUZELSKI AND KANIA. THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN POLAND MUST HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT WERE NOT EXPLICITLY MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT EITHER SOVIET OR POLISH POLICY HAS CHANGED. END SUMMARY.

JARUZELSKI STRIKES A BALANCED NOTE

3. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING JARUZELSKI'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AUGUST 17 QUOTES JARUZELSKI AS CLAIMING THAT AS A RESULT OF BOTH THE "EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES" (READ: MARTIAL LAW) AS WELL AS THE "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY" OF THE POLISH LEADERSHIP UNDERTAKEN "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NINTH CONGRESS" OF THE PZPR, "POSITIVE CHANGES" ARE



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GRADUALLY TAKING PLACE IN POLAND. THE POLISH PARTY IS STRENGTHENING ITS TIES WITH THE WORKING CLASS (A SOVIET DESIDERATUM) AND WITH "ALL WORKING PEOPLE." A MOVEMENT FOR "NATIONAL REBIRTH" IS UNDERWAY, WHICH WILL UNITE "ALL POLISH PATRIOTS" WHO HOLD DEAR THE "HISTORICAL AND SOCIALIST" VALUES OF POLAND.

COMMENT: IN THIS PASSAGE, THE LEAD SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE, JARUZELSKI ARGUES THE CORRECTNESS OF HIS REGIME'S COURSE IN TERMS WHICH GIVE EQUAL WEIGHT TO MARTIAL LAW AND THE REFORM COURSE SET DOWN BY THE NINTH (EXTRAORDINARY) CONGRESS LAST JULY. ALTHOUGH THE WORDS "REFORM" OR "RENEWAL" DO NOT APPEAR, THE MENTION OF "NATIONAL REBIRTH" MAY BE A WAY OF SECURING SOVIET RECOGNITION FOR A RELATIVELY MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD COURSE. BY STRESSING "HISTORICAL" AS WELL AS "SOCIALIST" VALUES, JARUZELSKI IS ASSERTING THE IMPORTANCE OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY POLISH. END COMMENT.

U.S. BLAMED FOR CONTINUING PROBLEMS

4. AS FOR THE PROBLEMS STILL EXISTING IN POLAND, JARUZELSKI ADMITS THAT THE "HEAVY CONSEQUENCES"

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OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS ARE STILL BEING
FELT, AND HE BLAMES A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY
UNDERGROUND" INSPIRED AND SUPPORTED FROM OUTSIDE,
ESPECIALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES, FOR SLOWING
DOWN THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY, WHILE CLAIMING THAT
POLISH SOCIETY IS OVERCOMING THE EXISTING
DIFFICULTIES. THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN POLAND

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ARE NOT REFERRED TO EXPLICITLY.

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5. THE TWO LEADERS JOINTLY NOTE SOVIET-POLISH TIES
IN ALL "BASIC AREAS" ARE BEING STRENGTHENED--WHICH

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SUGGESTS THERE REMAIN SOME PROBLEM AREAS, PROBABLY
IN CULTURAL LIFE AND THE MEDIA--ON THE BASIS OF
"SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM", "RESPECT FOR
SOVEREIGNTY" AND "FRIENDLY MUTUAL ASSISTANCE,"
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "AGREEMENT" REACHED IN
MARCH OF THIS YEAR, DURING JARUZELSKI'S EARLIER
VISIT. THE "DEEPENING" OF SOVIET AND OTHER CEMA
COOPERATION IS SAID TO CREATE "PROSPECTS" FOR THE
SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLISH ECONOMY.

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JARUZELSKI IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT POLISH SOCIETY WILL NOT LET ITSELF BE DECEIVED BY "INSINUATIONS" THAT THE USSR IS INTERFERING IN POLISH AFFAIRS, AND DEFINES "SOVIET INTERFERENCE" (IRONICALLY) AS "STABLE DELIVERIES OF RAW MATERIALS" AND OTHER FORMS OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, FOR WHICH POLAND IS THANKFUL. BREZHNEV IN RETURN STRESSES THAT THE USSR WILL CONTINUE TO HELP POLAND ECONOMICALLY "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ABILITY."

COMMENT: THE SOVIET REFERENCE TO CONSTRAINTS ON THE USSR'S ABILITY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO POLAND SUGGESTS A SOVIET EFFORT TO LOWER POLISH EXPECTATIONS RE THE LEVEL OF SOVIET TRADE AID AND CREDIT, AND MAY ALSO BE MEANT TO REASSURE THE SOVIET CONSUMER THAT HIS INTERESTS HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN. THE REFERENCE TO DEEPENING OF POLISH-CEMA TIES IS IN FACT BELIED BY THE REDUCTION IN THE TRADE DEFICIT THAT POLAND WAS ALLOWED TO INCUR BY ITS CEMA PARTNERS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1982. AT A TIME OF SOVIET ECONOMIC STRAIN, POLAND IS EXPECTED TO LOOK WITHIN OR TO THE WEST TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF NEW CAPITAL TO FINANCE ITS RECOVERY. THE FORTHCOMING CEMA SUMMIT IS NOT MENTIONED AS IT WAS IN THE HUSAK COMMUNIQUE.



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END COMMENT.

U.S. SANCTIONS CONDEMNED

6. THE INTERNATIONAL PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE IS DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO A CONDEMNATION OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. THE TWO LEADERS ACCUSE THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF VIOLATING NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE U.N. CHARTER BY APPLYING "UNPRECEDENTED PRESSURE" ON POLAND WITH ITS SANCTIONS POLICY--A POLICY WHICH WILL "BOOMERANG" ON ITS AUTHORS, THEY CLAIM. THE TWO COUNTRIES REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE CONCEPT OF EAST-WEST TRADE ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE.

COMMENT: THE POLISH SIDE MAY HAVE WANTED A REFERENCE TO EAST-WEST TRADE TO BALANCE THE EARLIER EMPHASIS ON THE VALUE OF POLISH TRADE WITH CEMA. END COMMENT.


INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

7. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF POLAND IN EUROPEAN HISTORY AND NOTES THAT WITH ITS POLICY OF "PEACE AND GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS" AND ROLE AS AN "INSEPARABLE LINK" IN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY,

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"POLAND CONTRIBUTES TO THE STABILITY OF POST-WAR EUROPE, AND TO THE "INVIOABILITY" OF EXISTING BORDERS. THHRE IS NO "LAUNDRY LIST" OF SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVES, BUT BOTH SIDES EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR SLOWING DOWN THE ARMS RACE AND AVERTING A WORLD WAR. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESS THEIR "CONCERN" OVER THE OUTTREAK OF "SHARP CONFLICT SITUATIONS"



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IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR LEBANON,
FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS BLAMED ALONG WITH
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8. BREZHNEV'S MEETING WITH JARUZELSKI YESTERDAY
IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A "CORDIAL" ATMOSPHERE
AND TO HAVE "CONFIRMED" THE "COMPLETE UNITY OF
VIEWS" OF THE TWO SIDES ON BOTH BILATERAL AND
INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. COMMENT: THIS IS A
SIGNIFICANTLY MORE POSITIVE CHARACTERIZATION THAN LAST
YEAR, WHEN THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT EVEN IMMEDIATELY
FORTHCOMING, AND THERE WAS ONLY "COMRADELY MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING" IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRATERNAL

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FRIENDSHIP." END COMMENT.

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9. IN THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY, BREZHNEV AND JARUZELSKI MADE NO STRIKING DEPARTURES FROM THE POLICIES THEY HAVE ADHERED TO SINCE MARTIAL LAW TOOK EFFECT LAST DECEMBER. THE POLISH SIDE APPEARS TO HAVE MAINTAINED ITS GROUND IN INSISTING THAT POLISH PROBLEMS ARE AN INTERNAL MATTER THAT WILL REQUIRE A SOLUTION TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POLISH CONDITIONS, AND, BY CLEARING THE COMMUNIQUE, THE SOVIET SIDE APPARENTLY ACCEPTS THIS, ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION CANNOT BE RULED OUT. BOTH SIDES FOUND IT USEFUL TO FINGER THE UNITED STATES AS A SCAPEGOAT FOR POLAND'S CONTINUING PROBLEMS. IN SUM, WE SEE NO INDICATION THAT SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE POLISH PROBLEM HAS CHANGED. END COMMENT.
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1. SUMMARY: LIKUD AND LABOR ARE COURTING THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES, THE KEY BUILDING BLOCK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NARROW COALITION. THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES HAVE MADE A SHOW OF KEEPING THEIR OPTIONS OPEN BUT LIKUD CLEARLY HAS THE INSIDE TRACK. DESPITE SUBSTANTIAL RELIGIOUS PARTY REQUESTS FOR PORTFOLIOS AND RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION, THERE IS LITTLE SUGGESTION LIKUD AND THE RELIGIOUS CANNOT WORK THESE ISSUES OUT. LIKEWISE, LIKUD AND THE SMALL RIGHTWING PARTIES APPEAR ABLE TO AGREE ON ENOUGH TO FORM A BASIS FOR COOPERATION. SHAMIR AND PERES ARE NOT INCLINED TO CONSIDER ANOTHER NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT (NUG) AT THIS TIME. THE SOLDIERS VOTE WILL BE COUNTED BY NOV. 4 AND OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTERWARDS. PRESIDENT HERZOG MAY BEGIN FORMATION

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CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KNESSET FACTIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK. INTERNAL LABOR PARTY CRITICISM OF ITS FAILED ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS RISING BUT SO FAR WITHOUT PUBLIC ATTACKS ON PERES. END SUMMARY.

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FINAL ELECTION RESULTS NOT YET READY

2. THE KNESSET CENTRAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE INFORMED US THE COUNTING OF THE SOLDIERS VOTE WILL BE COMPLETED NOV. 4. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ANY CHANGES WILL BENEFIT THE RIGHT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LEFT AND FURTHER IMPROVE SHAMIR'S CHANCES TO FORM A RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION. MEANWHILE, OVERALL ELECTIONS RESULTS REMAIN AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THE OFFICIAL RESULTS MAY BE PUBLISHED AS EARLY AS NOV. 4, IT IS MORE LIKELY THEY WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

FORMATION: THE PRESIDENT

3. PRESIDENT HERZOG SPOKE "INFORMALLY" TO SHAMIR AND PERES ON NOV. 2. THE PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER EXPLAINED TO US THERE IS NO LEGAL BAR TO THE PRESIDENT'S HOLDING "INFORMAL" CONTACTS WITH PARTY LEADERS ON THE FORMATION EVEN BEFORE THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED. (THE LAW STATES THE PRESIDENT MAY BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KNESSET FACTIONS AFTER THE OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ARE PUBLISHED.) HERZOG MAY CONDUCT MORE "INFORMAL" CONTACTS BEFORE LAUNCHING HIS FORMAL CONSULTATIONS EARLY-MID NEXT WEEK.

LIKUD CONTACTS WITH RELIGIOUS AND RIGHTWING PARTIES

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4. SHAMIR IS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR A LIKUD-LED NARROW RIGHT/RELIGIOUS COALITION BEFORE HERZOG STARTS HIS FORMAL CONSULTATIONS. LIKUD SOURCES EXPECT TO REACH A MEETING OF THE MINDS WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES, DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON PORTFOLIOS AND RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION.

5. SHAMIR MET WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES AND TEHIYA ON NOV. 2. LIKUD'S NEGOTIATING TEAM (NISSIM, ARENS, LEVY, SHARON AND KATZAV) PLANS A SECOND ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES NOV. 3. SHAMIR ALSO MET WITH TZOMET AND MOLEDET LEADERS NOV. 3.

6. SHAMIR TOLD TEHIYA AND NRP REPRESENTATIVES NOV. 2 HE WOULD NOT BACK DOWN ON HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS BUT REPORTEDLY WAS AGREEABLE TO DEMANDS FOR MORE SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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TEHIYA IS PUSHING A GUSH EMUNIM PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING 11 SETTLEMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES. TEHIYA IS ALSO INTERESTED IN EITHER YUVAL NEEMAN FOR THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO (TO PUSH SETTLEMENTS) OR GEULA COHEN AS MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION AND ABSORPTION AND NEEMAN AS DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER.

7. THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES ALSO STATED THEIR PORTFOLIO PREFERENCES. SHAS ASKED FOR 3 MINISTRIES FROM AMONG INTERIOR, EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS OR HOUSING. THE NRP ASKED FOR EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, AT A MINIMUM. AGUDA REPORTEDLY WANTED SEVERAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR-GENERALSHIPS. DEGEL HATORAH WAS ALSO ANGLING FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PORTFOLIO. OTHER RELIGIOUS PARTIES' DEMANDS INCLUDED: RESOLVING THE "WHO IS A JEW" ISSUE BY CHANGING THE LAW OF RETURN (NRP, AGUDA) OR VIA THE RABBINICAL COURTS OR CONVERSION LAWS (SHAS); EXCLUDING RABBINICAL COURTS

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FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE'S HIGH COURT OF
JUSTICE (SHAS, AGUDA); STRICTER SABBATH LAWS TO LIMIT
ENTERTAINMENT AND WORKING HOURS; EQUALIZING THE
ULTRA-ORTHODOX SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH THAT OF THE
STATE-RELIGIOUS AND STATE SYSTEMS; AND INCREASING
FUNDS FOR RELIGIOUS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.

8. MOLEDET'S REHEVAM ZE'EVY PROPOSED THE HOLDING OF
A NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON THE TRANSFER OF THE WEST BANK
AND GAZA ARABS. IN A RADIO INTERVIEW THIS MORNING,

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HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SUGGEST HIS PARTICIPATION IN A LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT WAS DEPENDENT ON GETTING HIS REFERENDUM. ZE'EV ALSO TOLD ISRAEL RADIO HE WAS NOT DEMANDING A CABINET PORTFOLIO.

LABOR'S CONTACTS WITH THE RELIGIOUS AND LEFT PARTIES

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9. PERES ALSO MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES ON NOV. 2. BUT NRP POLITICAL SECRETARY YAHALOM LATER SUGGESTED THERE WAS LITTLE BASIS FOR HIS PARTY'S COOPERATION WITH LABOR. LABOR'S SEC GEN BARAM PUBLICLY SAID LABOR'S TALKS WITH THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES WOULD SOON COLLAPSE. NONETHELESS, RELIGIOUS PARTY LEADERS LIKE FORMER CHIEF RABBI OVADIA YOSEF (SHAS) AND MK MENACHEM PORUSH (AGUDA) CONTINUED TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT ALL OPTIONS WERE OPEN.

10. PERES WILL BE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT (CRM), MAPAM AND CENTER-SHINUI NOV. 3. CRM LEADER ALONI REPORTEDLY URGED PERES TO END HIS "HUMILIATING" EFFORTS WITH THE RELIGIOUS AND JOIN CRM IN OPPOSITION. CRM MK SARID ASSERTED PERES HAD NO CHANCE TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT. MAPAM CONTINUED TO GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO PERES TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO URGED LABOR TO REJECT A NUG WITH LIKUD.

SHAMIR, PERES: NO MOVES ON NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT

11. BOTH SHAMIR AND PERES SAID PUBLICLY THEY WOULD NOT INITIATE APPROACHES TO THE OTHER ON THE FORMATION OF A NUG AT THIS TIME. SHAMIR SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO TALK TO PERES ON THE ISSUE IF PERES MADE A REQUEST, WHILE PERES SAID SHAMIR'S POLITICAL STATEMENTS INDICATED THERE WAS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.

RUMBLING IN LABOR AGAINST PERES

12. WE HEAR CONTINUING BUT MUTED CRITICISM OF PERES

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IN THE PARTY FOR LABOR'S FAILURE IN THE ELECTION. PERES' CRITICS COMPLAIN THAT HE ERRED IN BUILDING THE PARTY'S CAMPAIGN AROUND HIS PERSONAL LEADERSHIP (EXCLUDING THE OTHER LABOR MINISTERS) AND ON ONE-ISSUE (PEACE). THIS WAS PERES' FOURTH FAILURE TO LEAD LABOR TO VICTORY, IT IS ALSO NOTED. SOME PRIVATELY SUGGEST HE SHOULD PAY THE PRICE FOR LABOR'S FAILURE BY RESIGNING AS PARTY CHAIRMAN. PUBLICLY, MINISTER OF ABSORPTION TZUR CALLED FOR A RADICAL REFORM AS A RESULT OF THE FAILED ELECTION STRATEGY. MINISTER OF ENERGY SHAHAL URGED A DEEP AND SERIOUS STOCK-TAKING. KNESSET FACTION LEADER EDRI NOTED THAT CRITICISM WITHIN THE PARTY COULD NOT BE SWEEPED UNDER THE CARPET AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOR'S FAILURE WOULD HAVE TO PAY. SO FAR, SENIOR LABOR PERSONALITIES HAVE HELD BACK FROM PUBLICLY CALLING FOR PERES TO GO. NEITHER HAVE WE HEARD OF ANY RANK AND FILE GROUPS ORGANIZING AGAINST PERES.

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED JULY 27 MFA PRESS BRIEFING FEATURED:

-- NIKOLAY GRIGORYEVICH BELOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF
THE STATE STATISTICS COMMITTEE, WHO PROVIDED STATISTICS
CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE
FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1989 IN THE USSR;

-- AMBASSADOR YURIY KASHLEV AND RUDOLF ALEKSEYEVICH
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REGISTRATION), USSR MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHO
DISCUSSED ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION SIX
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-- BRIEF STATEMENTS BY MFA PRESS SPOKESMAN GENNADIY GERASIMOV AT THE END OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE. GERASIMOV MENTIONED TALKS ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOLTON AND SOVIET DEP. FOREIGN MINISTER PETROVSKIY, AND THE STOCKHOLM CONSULTATIONS ON AFGHANISTAN BEGINNING JULY 31 BETWEEN ASST. SECRETARY JOHN KELLY AND SOVIET AMB.-AT-LARGE KOZOREV. (GERASIMOV STRESSED THAT NO OTHER SUBJECT, INCLUDING IRAN, WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THESE MEETINGS).

END HIGHLIGHTS

2. DEPUTY PRESS SPOKESMAN PERFYL'EV INTRODUCED NIKOLAY GRIGORYEVICH BELOV OF THE STATE STATISTICS COMMITTEE, WHO PRESENTED STATISTICS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, CRIME, INFLATION, HOUSING, THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY, AND THE PURCHASE OF TEN BILLION RUBLES' WORTH OF CONSUMER GOODS FROM WESTERN NATIONS IN HARD CURRENCY. A DETAILED REPORT OF THESE STATISTICS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

SIX MONTHS AFTER VIENNA

3. AMBASSADOR YURIY KASHLEV AND UVIR HEAD RUDOLF KUZNETSOV ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD FULFILLED ITS OBLIGATION TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER ALL OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT VISAS WITHIN THE SIX MONTHS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF TALKS IN VIENNA. ON JANUARY 19, THERE
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WERE 1855 APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT VISAS PENDING FROM REFUSENIKS (A WORD THEY SAID THEY DID NOT LIKE). AS OF THE END OF JUNE, 1600 OF THESE PERSONS HAD BEEN GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION. DENIALS WERE BASED MAINLY ON THE GROUNDS OF KNOWLEDGE OF STATE SECRETS OR OBJECTIONS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS.

A COMMON EUROPEAN HOME

4. AMBASSADOR KASHLEV SAID THE SOVIET UNION VIEWED THE EUROPEAN PROCESS AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND DYNAMIC, AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF EUROPE WAS CHANGING, AS EVIDENCED BY

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RECENT TRIPS OF PRESIDENT GORBACHEV TO THE FRG, UK AND FRANCE. THIS SPIRIT WAS GIVING A NEW DIMENSION TO THE HELSINKI ACCORDS AND GORBACHEV'S IDEA OF A COMMON EUROPEAN HOME.

5. AMB. KASHLEV STATED THAT THE VIENNA CFE NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE CONCLUDED IN 1990. ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED:

-- PARIS: SOVIET-FRENCH CONFERENCE ON JOINT LEGAL DOCTRINES, THE INCREASING ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS, AND

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HANDLING OF CONSULAR AND VISA PROBLEMS;

-- SOFIA: CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (TO TAKE PLACE
IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER);

-- POLAND: CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

-- THE OPENING OF NEW CULTURAL CENTERS IN SEVERAL
EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION

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6. RUDOLF KUZNETSOV, HEAD OF UVIR, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL STATISTICS ON EMIGRATION FROM THE USSR. HE ANNOUNCED THAT A TOTAL OF 108,000 PERSONS HAD EMIGRATED FROM THE USSR IN 1988, AND AN ADDITIONAL 91,000 HAD EMIGRATED DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1989, INCLUDING 1600 OF A TOTAL OF 1855 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN TERMED REFUSENIKS AS OF JANUARY 19, 1989.

7. UVIR IS NOW TELLING ALL SOVIETS WHO WANT TO EMIGRATE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE UP THEIR APARTMENTS UNTIL THEY HAVE AN ENTRY VISA FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY. HE MENTIONED THE LONG LINES AT THE U.S. EMBASSY AS AN EXAMPLE OF DIFFICULTIES PEOPLE ARE HAVING IN OBTAINING PERMISSION TO IMMIGRATE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. A TOTAL OF 35,000 VISAS FOR EMIGRATION TO

ISRAEL WERE ISSUED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1989, AND THERE IS LARGE SCALE EMIGRATION TO THE FRG ALSO.

8. KUZNETSOV MENTIONED THAT AS OF MARCH 1, 1989, PEOPLE LIVING IN THE USSR-HUNGARY BORDER AREA HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO PASS FREELY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITHOUT VISAS, ALTHOUGH THE USSR HAD TO STOP CURRENCY EXCHANGES BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF HUNGARIAN CURRENCY

NEW LEGISLATION

9. KUZNETSOV SPECULATED THAT NEW LEGISLATION WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR AN INVITATION FROM ABROAD FOR SOVIETS GOING ONLY ON A TEMPORARY VISIT, ALTHOUGH INVITATIONS WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED FOR EMIGRATION. KUZNETSOV REPEATED THE MYTH THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT QUOTE APPROVES ALL INVITATIONS UNQUOTE (HE APPARENTLY IS UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERRING TO THE STATE DEPT. VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES -- A PURELY NOTARIAL FUNCTION -- ON SOME OF THESE DOCUMENTS).

10. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION, KUZNETSOV SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS TRYING TO ADJUST ITS INTERNAL LEGISLATION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL NORMS, AND THAT EVEN WITHOUT THE VIENNA DOCUMENTS THE SOVIET INTERNAL PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION WOULD LEAD TO FREER TRAVEL. KUZNETSOV STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND WANTS TO OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS:

-- THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF AIR TICKETS;

--THE SOVIET UNION CANNOT ALLOW EMIGRANTS TO EXCHANGE MORE MONEY BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF HARD CURRENCY;

-- THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING ADEQUATE PRODUCTION OF NEW PASSPORTS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY GERASIMOV

11. MFA PRESS SPOKESMAN GERASIMOV APPEARED AT THE END

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OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS. HE
NOTED:

-- TALKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
BETWEEN ASST. SEC. OF STATE BOLTON AND DEP. FOREIGN MIN.
PETROVSKIY;

-- ASST. SEC. OF STATE JOHN KELLY AND SOVIET
AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE KOZOREV WILL MEET IN STOCKHOLM ON
JULY 31 TO HOLD TALKS ON PROBLEMS IN AFGHANISTAN
(GERASIMOV STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OTHER TOPIC OF
DISCUSSION IN STOCKHOLM, INCLUDING IRAN);

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-- THAT AN ABC CORRESPONDENT HAD UNLEASHED A NEW
SPY-MANIA WITH THE STORY OF FELIX BLOCH, AND EMPHASIZED
THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF MR. BLOCH
EXCEPT WHAT HAS APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON POST;

-- THE USG'S NEW B-2 STEALTH BOMBER; GERASIMOV FURTHER
SPECULATED ABOUT POSSIBLE MOTIVES FOR BUILDING SUCH A
FUTURISTIC AIRCRAFT, SINCE WE ALL KNOW THAT A FIRST
STRIKE WOULD BE SUICIDAL.

12. LENINGRAD MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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